

Langley Kitching's

African
Of

Madagascar Notes.

Vol 1.

SOCIAL MEETING.

On Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, a social meeting was held in the Mutual Hall, to welcome Messrs. Isaac Sharp, Theodore Harris, and Langley Kitching, members of the "Society of Friends," on a visitation tour to this colony, and Mr. Theodore Harris, a delegate and member of the committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Tea and other refreshments were provided at half-past six o'clock, and about an hour was spent in friendly conversation and introduction, after which the more immediate business of the evening commenced, the chair being taken by Sir David Tennant, Speaker of the House of Assembly. On the platform we noticed the Hon. Dr. White, Treasurer-General, the Revs. Hole, Lamb, Robertson, Hardey, Morgan, Thompson, Messrs. Earp, Moore, and Dowthwaite. After the reading of a portion of scripture and prayer.

The Chairman said they were met this evening to welcome Isaac Sharp, Theodore Harris, and Langley Kitching, who had come to the colony for the purpose of inspecting, cheering, and comforting the various missionary institutions, and seeking, by their presence, advice and counsel to help on their work. These gentlemen belonged to the Society of Friends, the members of which sought to uphold and spread abroad pure gospel truth, while by their walk and example they were a living testimony to the reality and substantiality of religion. No more opportune occasion could have been selected for welcoming them than the present, when we were on the eve of commemorating the Advent of the Redeemer, and their "friends" would go forth with a message of peace and goodwill, fulfilling the words of Christ, "Ye are my friends if ye do what I command you, and this is my commandment, that ye have love one to another."

The Rev. C. Hole, as president of the Young Men's Christian Association, said he rose to move the first resolution. He thought the Association were here to fight in their true place, and were the proper medium for offering a welcome to Messrs. Sharp, Harris, and Kitching. The Association took its stand on the ground of our common faith in Jesus Christ, and was quite undenominational in its character and aim. He was glad to see on the platform men representing nearly every denomination in the town, which showed that they approved the object of the present gathering, and it was certainly one that commended itself to their sympathies in the strongest manner. Their guests this evening had begun their work in a very satisfactory and effective manner, showing that their journey would, under the blessing of God, accomplish all they hoped for. He had had the pleasure of spending an evening with them, which afforded him much edification and profit, and the occasion would not soon be forgotten by him, nor, he thought, by the others who were present. It was the highest privilege of men who laboured for their Saviour, to encourage and strengthen the hands of his people, wherever they were, and he was sure everyone present would give them a cordial welcome. He begged to move the following:—"That this meeting, representing the Christian Churches of Cape Town, offers a hearty welcome to Messrs. Sharp, Harris, and Kitching to the shores of South Africa, and desires to express its cordial sympathy with them in the object of their mission, namely, the recognition and encouragement of the spiritual life and Christian work among the various churches and missions" (applause).

The Rev. Mr. Thompson seconded the resolution, and endorsed all that the previous speaker had said, regarding the Young Men's Christian Association. He felt glad that they had taken upon themselves to invite the guests of this evening. People in Cape Town perhaps, knew less of the "Society of Friends" than of any other religious denomination, but he might say that some of his earliest associations were in connection with them, and he need hardly say that Englishmen owed very much to this body in what affected civil and religious liberty. Although there might be certain differences among those present, still, they were all one in Christ Jesus, and he was sure these gentlemen would meet with a very warm reception wherever they went. He understood that they intended visiting not only the Cape Colony, but the Free State, the Transvaal, and regions beyond, going afterwards to Natal, Madagascar, and Australia. He sincerely wished that every blessing might attend them, and that their mission might be accompanied with success (applause).

After a few words of congratulation from the Hon. Dr. White in support of the resolution, it was put from the chair and carried unanimously.

Mr. Isaac Sharp then rose to respond, thanking the assembly most cordially for their enthusiastic reception and kind wishes. He made some allusion to his missionary labours in Greenland, Labrador, and other parts of the world, and said he had always entertained a desire to visit South Africa. An opportunity for doing so having presented itself, he lost no time in making the necessary preparations, believing that the Lord had ordained in his providence, that he should visit this country. Both his brethren were also moved to accompany him, and their reception had far exceeded anything they could have expected, and gave an earnest of what they might expect in other parts of the colony (applause).

The Rev. Dr. Robertson moved the second resolution, offering a special welcome to Mr. Harris, as a delegate and member of the Committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society. This was not the first time that he had met members of the "Society of Friends," for some twenty-seven or twenty-eight years ago, he became acquainted, while at Swellendam, with a mission that was sent out, consisting of Messrs. Backhouse and Walker, and he had the pleasure of interpreting for them. The name of Mr. Harris stood very high in connection with the Bible Society at home, and he hoped his visit to South Africa would be attended with great good. He would find that the labours of our auxiliary had been much blessed of late years, and that the scriptures were largely circulated through its instrumentality. In the course of the present week, the annual meeting of the Bible Society would be held, and the presence of Mr. Harris on that occasion would lend additional interest to the proceedings. He felt sure that wherever these gentlemen went they would be well and cordially received, and he hoped they would be permitted to return in safety to their homes (hear, hear).

The Rev. Mr. Lamb seconded the resolution, which was supported by Mr. W. E. Moore, and carried unanimously.

<u>Hope Town To</u>		miles	
Doctors Kraal (a pool)	18		
Brand Fontein	2		
Klip Fontein	12		
Marks Drift	12		
The Junction Ferry ^{Orange & Vaal R.}	8	=	52
(Riet Font.)			
Rooie Koppies	12		
Campbells Dorp	12	=	24
Douns	8		
(Groote Pan ^{sometimes water} Half way)			
Daniels Kuil	20	=	46
Kramers Fontein	6		
Neals Fontein (a little water)	14		
Koenings Fontein	18	=	38
Peen Bok Fontein	12		
Kuruman	10	=	22
Total, Hope Town to Kuruman	180	=	182 miles

To Mr Sharp Mr Th Harris, Mr Kitching, Mr Radley
servants of our Lord Jesus to proclaim His Truth.

Unsondale, Division of George, 20th February 1878

Dearlly Beloved Brethren in Our Lord Jesus Christ!

The Lord be praised for that He has brought you
in our midst to be a blessing for us & to be blest yourselves. From my
inmost Soul I say: O what a pity it is that your stay amongst us was so
very short! Could you have stayed here a ~~quite~~ many weeks or
months how would we (and most of all myself) have enjoyed it!
But I suppose the will of God lies not in that direction & you are
convinced that the time of your departure is come. But I could
not let you go without frankly and sincerely declaring the joy and
the happiness I have had in making your acquaintance. I love
the people of God sincerely, & I have learned to love you from a
pure heart (as far as I know my own deceitful heart) nothing
but love it is that moves me in writing these poor lines. I shall
never forget you, never. O when already it is such a glorious
thing for the children of God to meet on earth, what will it be when
once they meet before the throne of the Lamb, never more to part again!

And now beloved brethren! The Lord bless thee, and keep thee;
the Lord make His face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee;
the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, & give thee peace;
Amen and Amen.

Believe me, dear brethren, to be and to remain:

Your obedient servant & fellow brother

J. H. L. Schumann

(See Page 116)

The Moravians are earnest & devoted
labourers in the Mission field. Usually
3 or 4 married couples dwell together on
one station, almost as if they were a
single family. And we much
enjoyed visiting & partaking of their
hospitality at 8 of their stations in
S. Africa viz:

- 1 Mamre
- 2 Genadendal
- 3 Olim
- 4 Clarkson
- 5 Enon
- 6 Berea
- 7 Shilo
- 8 Engotini

Isaac Sharp during his former
journeys, in Northern lands, had there
formed a friendship with some having
relatives in Africa, & took particular
interest in finding them out

At Mamre in Groene Kloof the wife
of one of the senior missionaries

Semmertz shewed us her large
Birth-day-book in which Isaac Thayer
had inscribed his name 12 years
previously in Labrador
And when S. H. and I had also written
our names in each of their books
they remarked -

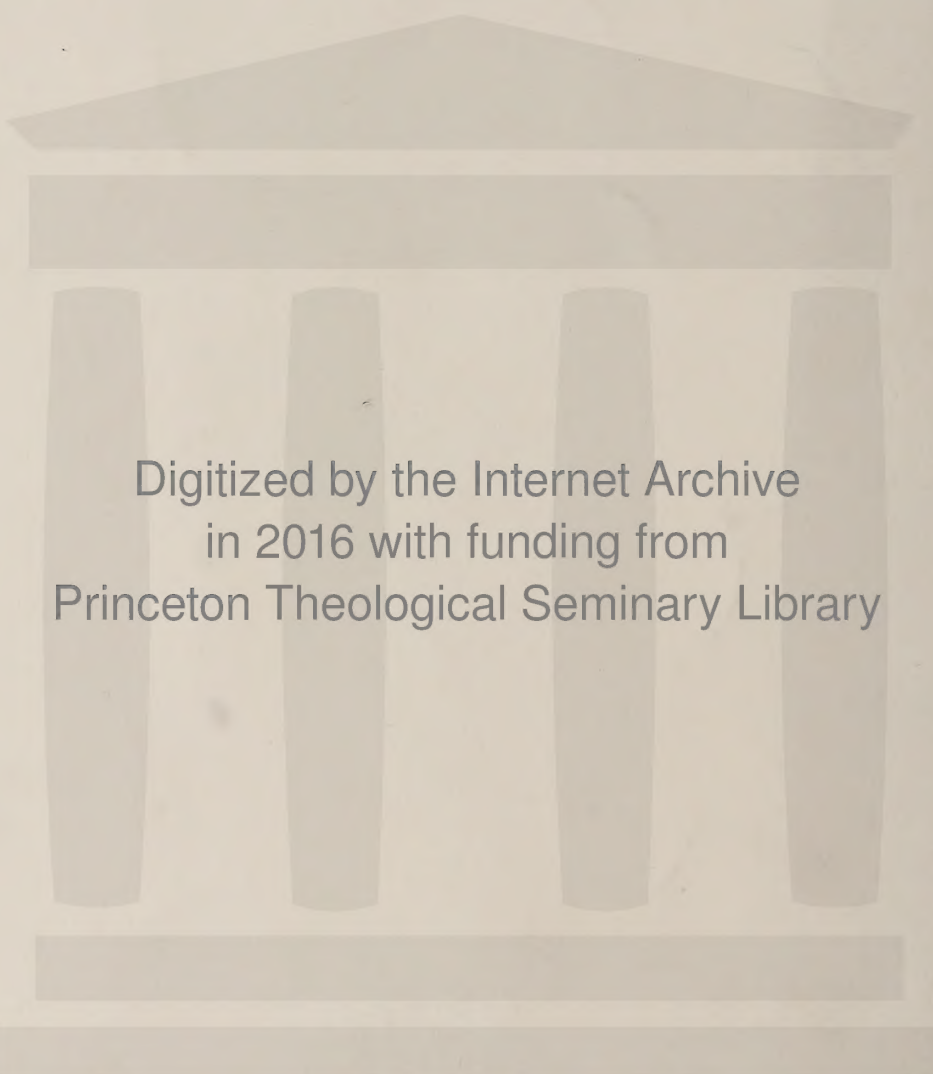
"You will at least be prayed
for once in the year"

At Shilo the senior missionary Theodor
Weiz was at once recognised by J. S.
from his likeness to his brother whom
he had met with in Labrador

Pastor Weiz is a man one seldom meets with
and to listen to his quaint remarks
was a treat. He is a philosopher of
rare ability frequently made use
of some scientific remarks in which
the Christian thought was prominent

It was customary for all to meet
together about 3 in the afternoon for
a cup of tea or Coffee & talk over
the affairs of the Mission and

These were ~~opportunities~~ ^{opportunities} J.S.
generally availed himself of for
what might be called a family sitting
and in which communications from
the Brethren visited were not
infrequent. The visit to each
Station was heartily received and
responded to with ~~prayers~~ ^{prayers} ~~prayers~~
our preservation, and we left them
as though we had been endeared
~~to them~~ by a lengthened acquaintance.
The children & congregation gathering
around our coach to sing a parting
hymn of blessing.



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Africa. — The Map &c.

The whole of the African continent contains
an area of 10,946,319 Square miles

Europe contains 3,757,209

Africa is larger by 7,189,110

Temperate Africa — that S. of Lambesi River is
about equal in size to $\frac{1}{3}$ of Europe: or 6 times larger
than France — viz: 1,190,000 sq. m.

Cape Colony ^(with Basutoland) 220,850 sq. miles ^{204,000}
^(old limits) & to France, which has 231,580 sq. m.
^{and Kaffraria}

Natal about double the size of Greece. 19,300
18,750 sq. m.

Transvaal about = 4 British Isles.
115,000 sq. m. (122,550 sq. m.)

Basutoland, about 4 times the size of Greece 19,300
10,300 sq. miles Greece 18,244 sq. m.

Grigualand West, about = Scotland 31,324 sq. m.
16,630 sq. miles

Kaffraria, double the size of Greece
30,000 sq. m.

Orange Free State area ? 1 fourth larger than Ireland

British S. Africa has 546,230 sq. miles

Embark at Dartmouth

11mo. 1st 1877

Left London this morning by the 11.45 train from Paddington for Dartmouth & came at once from the railway pier to the (Dunrobin Castle arriving on board about seven p.m. had a cup of tea, arranged our berths & after a good wash wrote to my dear E & also to my parents &

2. XI^{mo}. Rose early a fine morning & warm for the time of year, other passengers kept arriving and presently the Harris this three sons who said they had left Geo. Russell on shore who did not like a parting on board but wd watch the ship to the last from the cliffs by the Castle & Church John Dunning this son arrived about the same time had been waiting to see H. over night at one of the hotels not knowing of our being then on board. At 11.30 the ship blew a loud whistle as a warning for all friends of passengers to go on shore which was answered by an almost equally loud & distinct echo ringing from the surrounding beautiful hills. The Post Master came with the lighter portion of the mail rather late so that it was after another

screech of the gong just ten minutes after
12 when we commenced steaming from
the mouth of the Dart amidst lusty cheers
& waving of pocket handkerchiefs from surround-
ing boats & friends on shore. Had just bought
a photograph of the ship as it stood in the
river fastened to buoys at stem & stern
it is taken from the Dartmouth side
& consequently shows the opposite shore
by King's Mere not far from where the
railway terminates & the Ferry crosses &
the seller agreed to post it to Elizabeth
Shortly we passed the promontory called
the Start & observed the Edinboro Castle of
our own line making her way to London
as she had but shortly left Plymouth
Luncheon was not till one this day so
we had begun to get into a rolling sea
& I could not brave the effects at table
longer than just to finish my soup &
beat a hasty retreat on deck & shortly
was full length in my berth

3rd 4th & 5th Have been quite overcome by sea sickness of which perhaps the ship said the better further than that J.S. & J.H. who have seemed quite well themselves have done all they could to make it easier for me & once finding the steward had rather neglected me resolved to look after me themselves & J.H. very kindly brought my breakfast to my berth side himself and J.S. brought me apples two or three times knowing I liked them.

We had our reading morning & evening whilst I was laid down

6th XI The Bay of Biscay has not been rough
^{III} I am feeling better each day

The Island of Santos is in view on our left, or Port side, marked Porto Santo on the map. Its hills & trees plainly visible. It has a few scattered houses. In the dusk of the evening we draw near to the light house on the Northernmost point of Madeira can just discern the Governor's residence as we glide past it almost within a stone's throw

Wishing it were daylight to enjoy the beautiful
 scenery instead of about nine in the evening
 Many of the boat men around us calling out
 in Portuguese & squabbling about a passenger
 H. telegrapher to Leighton for which he p^d
 1/4 per word "Madeira all well write my
 friends Wraithwaite &c" 27/- altogether
 judging that B.B. we write to Elizabeth
 &c. I sent a letter written in pencil to my
 dear E. All sat up late

7. ^{x1}_{iv} We left Madeira at 1 A.M. & as our
 speed was about 12 knots an hour had no
 sight of land when we got up for breakfast
 at 8.30. We were anchored in a beautiful
 Bay surrounded by lofty hills clothed with
 trees shrubs & vines & of the fruits we had
 taken on board during the night & part of
 of at breakfast lunch & dinner were
 guavas, mangoes, custard apples, oranges
 &c. At night saw the light on Palma &
 the land indistinctly

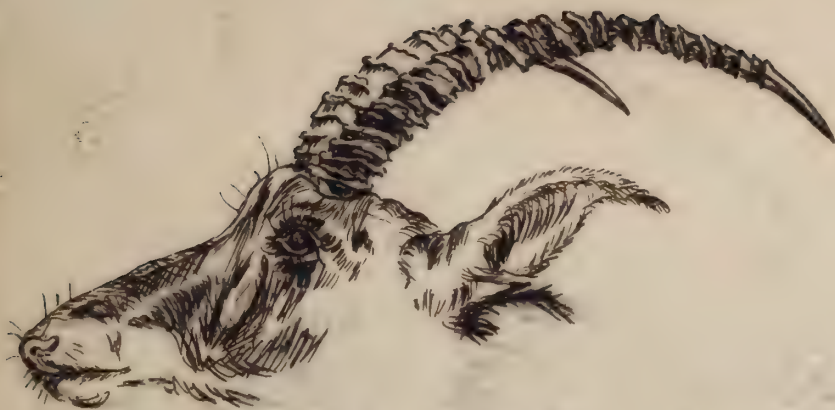
8. th X _v 1mo. At 6.30 in the dull morning light the Island of Teneriffe was clearly to be seen on our left pointing its high peak into the clouds. Gomera Id. also & Palma on our right (Canary Group). In our Cabin heard our little mid-week mass at ten & note that J.H. has it in his notes that I said a few words. My desire was for my self & for all of us to be filled with the Spirit we had previously had nice prayer & addresses from J.S. & J.H. who are both desirous to encourage me in utterance. J.H. took up & a little enlarged on my few words. The Verde Islands too far off to be seen.

9. th X _{vi} 1mo. Off Cape Verde in the evening. Its light was observed at about 17 miles distance to flash out after each minute of darkness our position at noon being $20^{\circ}59'N$ Lat and $18^{\circ}21'W$ Long. Our greatest run so far from noon to noon being 303 miles.

At 3.30 read Acts 20 & 17 to end in company with J.S. J.H. - Fraser Weaver Brew Sandy Scott, all missionaries bound for various Stations at the Cape. Mr Fraser was born in

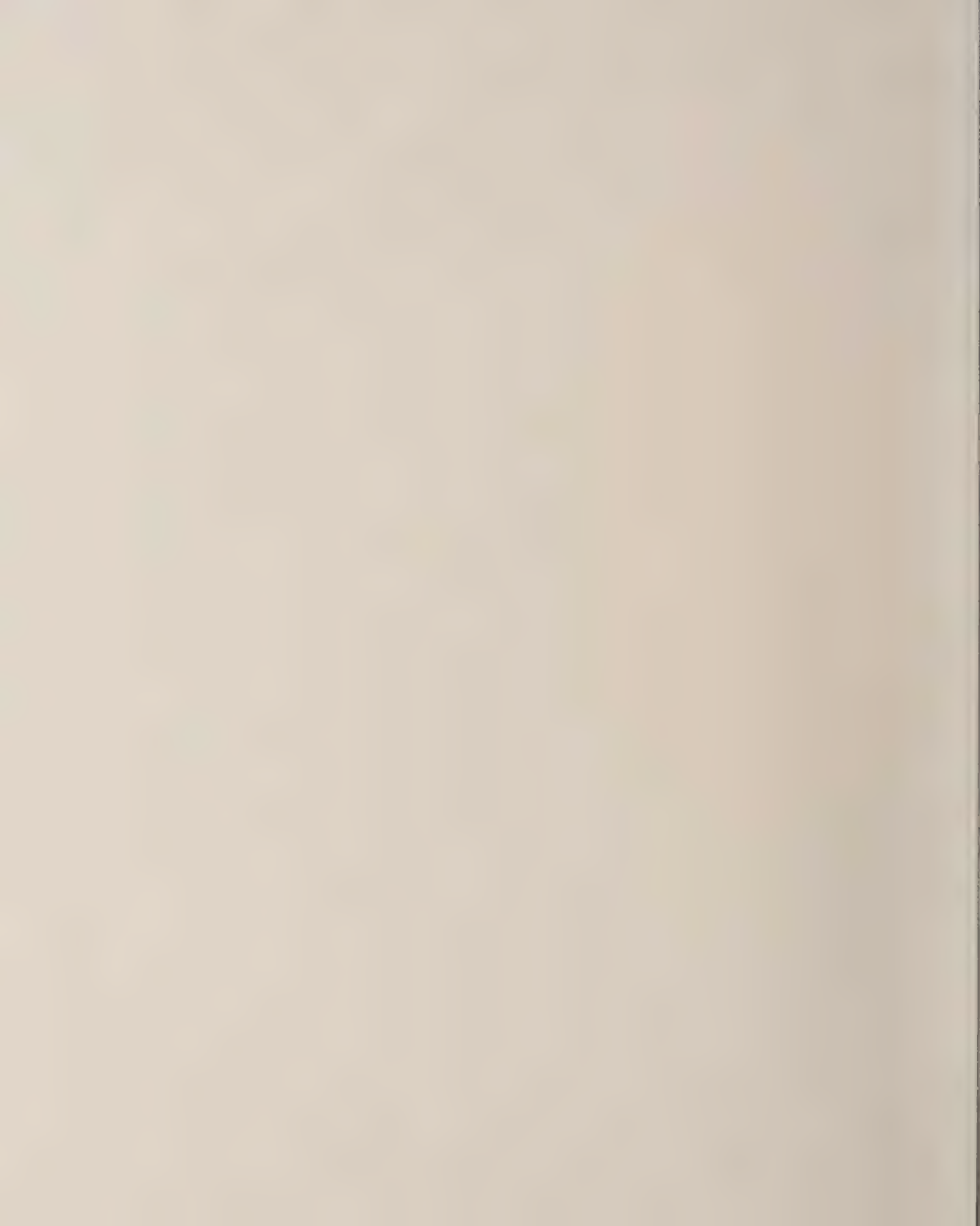


Blepharodon leucotis



Boem. Asaphodes

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British Museum





1844.
Isaac Sharp
Theodore Harris
and
Langley Kitching
leaving Table
Bay, South
Africa. —

Mount Elizabeth

the Cape & being only able to speak Dutch
'went to Scotland to learn English.' so he
has got the wor-rr-d of Scotland pretty thorough
Flying fish. A great concert was in the Salon
at night

10.XI Studied II Galatians with Theo Harris ready
for reading with our company at 3.30

Am only today feeling perfectly sea worthy
H has a headache

11.XI I A.S. is troubled with ear-ache extending into
the jaw. we think he has been writing &
studying too much Tharing to keep mostly
laid in his berth is not able to take any part
in the services of the day. JH read to us
(the M.L.) Had our Meeting at 9.15 judging it
to be the time when our various Friends would
would be so assembled at English time (at
10 to 10.30) at Leeds, Middlebro & Leighton
not to say London & had a strengthening
time

Service by the Captain at 10.30

A. 2 pm helped JH in his Lecture to the Crew
forward passengers on Paul's Travels & Shipwreck

They were interested & asked for its conclusion next Sunday. At 7 Mr Weaver held service near the fore-castle at which about 50 were present including 15 of the crew. His subject was Naaman the leper & well handled with feeling. He alluded to Peter Mackenzie R. Weaver & Tom Sayers as examples of ungodly men turned to the light &c.

Service in Saloon at 8 by Revs Lundy & Brew. The latter of whom directed the congregation to attend to the influences of God's Holy Spirit within. Continue our own bible reading together.

12th XI Our position is at noon N. Lat. $7^{\circ}59'$ and Long. $15^{\circ}3'$ West distance run 263 miles. We were considered to be half way on our journey when paralleled with Sierra Leone. J.H. is in favour with the crew who have given him the freedom of the Fore-castle. They have asked him for a copy of Foxes Book of Martyrs which he is sorry he cannot give them now, as he was wanting to supply them with books. Thank they seem to have plenty.

13. XI Mon 4° 06' N Lat. & 12° 20' W. Long. our
^{III} course S. 35° East & distance run 284 miles
 The thermometer as it has been for some days past
 standing at 83° under the deck awning or in
 our own Cabin on deck. F. S. has had much pain
 in his ear & cheek but is better towards night
 having fomented it with hot steaming clothes
 I have read to him at intervals from the book
 given me by Martha Braithwaite (Dr Cheevers
 Lectures on Bunyan's W.P.)

At Night a few splendid rockets & blue-balls
 were let off in honour of Neptune & a good
 lump of ignited phosphorous sent floating
 out at Sea with a flourish from a speaking
 trumpet as his voice

At 3.30 reading mtg. had a lively and
 profitable discussion on Faith

14. XI We have been reading together this morning
^{IV} an unpublished pamphlet by a fellow passenger
 returning to Natal entitled Ukulabala or
 Woman Slavery in Natal (by James W. Hunter)
 & as he says in slavery in the U. S. it was ever
 worse than that now carried on under the

sanction & protection of the British Gov^t & its
 Native Dep^t over which as Secretary Sir Theo-
 philus Shepstone is at the head. That under
 its fostering of customs of native races they have
 lately degenerated. It seems there are 400,000 miles
 Black races in Natal chiefly Kaffirs. Its sanction
 of polygamy & open sale of native women deter
 any attempt of missionaries & philanthropic
 persons to raise & civilize. whilst Colenso
 wrote a tract in which he stated he would not
 refuse to receive & baptize any native polygamist.
 "The Gov^t trades upon the infamy of woman"
 And if a poor girl rebels against being made
 the wife of her purchaser, she is tortured until
 she submits - cords lightened round her fingers
 & flame gradually but nearer & near - Now
 will you have him, - now will you have him
 "I was but a poor girl to resist three men what
 could I do" said a poor victim to me when
 stating her grievance.
 The introduction of the growth of sugar cane
 & their free use of molasses spirit produces
 a maddening effect upon them

Many of the outrageous cases that we otherwise come to light are hushed up by the "secret service" money! The wealth of a Kaffir consists of his wife female children his stock

J^W Winter urges that the right way to meet the case is to recognize only the first wife, prohibit the sale of wives & women & meet the Kaffirs rigorously & without fear & in a generation or so it will work its own cure. He also says leave the Kaffir question to the Colonists who are able and willing to deal with it if untrammelled - or to the English people also untrammelled by the Gov^t & Native Department

Our position at noon was N. Lat^t $0^{\circ}25'$ & W. Long^y $9^{\circ}47'$
Our course S 35° E. & distance run 268 miles & the Captⁿ informed us we were just crossing the equator at 2:45 -
Our scripture meeting at 3:30 as usual & an interesting discussion on Faith ensued.

Had a long talk with M. King of Graham's Town a Wesleyan local preacher & a cattle merch^t. about our journey, he quite confirms what Captⁿ Grenfell says that we must have eight mules to our wagon to be bought for abt. £25 ^{\$30} each & much other useful information. A. quite well again.

15. X 1 mi Lat. $3^{\circ}17'S$ & Long $7^{\circ}38'$ West dist. run 259 mile

Our little meeting at a gr. part of ships local time,
Prayer first from J.S. for ourselves with those on board
tall whom we have left behind & hold dear to us
I felt constrained to pray for the Spirit of wisdom and
revelation in the knowledge of him & that the eyes
of our understanding might be enlightened &
J.S. spoke on 'beloved now are we the sons of God &
it doth not yet appear what we shall be &c. & J.H.
gave thanks for the complete restoration & health of
mind & body of one amongst us (J.S.).

Have had a talk with Mr. Winter, who volunteered to
give me a copy of his pamphlet on my mentioning
Joseph Cooper this 'Lost Continent' one for him also
He told me several ^{matters} ~~things~~ in connection with the
state of things, I need not put down here But he
informed me, he this wife saw a Kaffir riding
on horse back holding a large sun shade umbrella
over him with one hand whilst in the other was
a long whip. Three women laden with heavy
bundles of poles for fire-wood stopped in the
scorching sun by the brook side to quench their
thirst - when what did this savage lord of creation

do - whipped them up, & drove them on, staggering with their burdens - & these women were his own wives. On leaving Natal Mr Winters advises our chartering a small brig of 130 tons called the Sea Nymph which trades between Durban & Delagoa Bay formerly Snell & Co agents & might be had reasonably here to Tamatave direct he thinks. He has given me his Ukulabola pamphlet also one by his wife on their voyage to Madagascar in connection with a wrecked crew & a shipwreck.

24. XI ^{VII} Before breakfast this morning the heights of the Bay of Saldanha were looming in the distance on our Port side. Towards noon Table Mountain was easily discerned quickly becoming distinct in its rugged sides & crazy eminences with Green Point & its Signal Hill in front whose houses & buildings come to the water's edge. Our position at 12 noon Lat $33^{\circ} 24' N$, & Long $17^{\circ} 58' E$ course $E^{\circ} 37' E$ - Run since yesterday 269 miles, and our distance to Green Point 34 miles which we passed at 3.15 & so on alongside the coast & got off at four with our lighter baggage. We observed a Lalla with her daughter on one side & son on the other closely watching the ship. I said to H. does thou see those individuals? Yes I've had my eye on them.

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VII

Scene on the Quay

a long time. So have I, & indeed J.H. has also. And soon we saw them whispering together & presently Mahilda TH Simen came up to J.S. & said is thy name Isaac Sharp? I informed us she had engaged quarters for us, according to letter received from E.B. of York the result of my conversation with her a few weeks or so before leaving, which I had been supposing would not have arrived before ourselves. And so there is ended a prosperous voyage of 22 days & three hours. At last met on the North Quay, Lascars, Malays, Melanots and Kaffirs clad in all sort of head gear, from the peaked straw hat to the pith helmet flaunting white ostrich feathers Europeans of all climes ladies in light & gay summer clothing gentlemen in weeds & holland suits, straw hats & felts with puggeries. Capt. Grenfell called out to an old acquaintance "what news of the war?" He said O! Krelli is run off into another country all is quiet just now but we are expecting a rising in Natal among other tribes.

Grahams Boarding House, Plain Street Cape Town.
Reached here at 5 pm with a four-wheeler & 4 horses & a little hurry conveying ourselves M.S. her son & daughter & all our luggage we had in our cabins

24th X 1 mo. 1877 (Seventh day)

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Customs officer polite

that in the hold not being to be got at until day after tomorrow (2nd day) With this we readily passed the Customs gate & officer who only asked for T.S. wrapper to be opened; but my case of umbrellas aroused suspicion of guns, but I satisfied him with feeling, saying we were men of peace, had no such thing. Not even a revolver! said he, no, said I. O. then you are men of peace! & with this slight examination we were allowed to depart in peace from the cheerful official. Just as we were driving from the dock side the steam ship "German" arrived alongside after the quick passage of 19 days. She bears a large brass cock on a pedestal at her prow, as if crowning over all others as the "cock of the walk" much to the disgust of our ships company.

We think there is much cause for thankfulness in the quiet serious tone of many of our fellow passengers five of whom missionaries James Fraser

James Scott from Edinburgh

Sandy from Bolton

Weaver, ^{Woolgar} Eliakim Baw

J. King
& one merchant from Leeds

Proposition in the Colony returning to Graham's Town; very heartily entered into the proposal to hold our daily Scripture reading meeting at 3.30 pm. which appeared

interesting occasion, for exposition & friendly discussion, & in which there were frequent opportunities for prayer and praise. Towards the close Mr Fraser who seemed to take the lead among them, asked if we had any certificates, & expressed satisfaction & good will on hearing them read. Several of them are desirous that we should visit their stations.

According to custom - there being no clergyman of the Church of England on board; the appointed Church Service was read by the Captain in the Saloon on First day mornings. And in the evenings, one or other of the Missionaries officiated & on one occasion (when H. was laid up with ear-ache) Theodore Harris read the Scripture, & addressed the assembly from the 23rd Ps. on the Good Shepherd. In addition to the above both H. & J.H. had at an earlier hour on First Day evenings, opportunities of addressing the sailors and 2nd Class passengers, in the forward part of the ship, a liberty which was readily accorded them by Capt. Winchester, & which was more than once joined in by our Wesleyan Missionary friend Weaver. On the last of these occasions Isaac Sharp addressed those assembled with much liberty & at some length, on the necessity for vital religion & a real change of heart, as contrasted with a mere outward profession.

On our second, First Day afternoon, Mr. H. interested the sailors & others by a lecture (at which I gave him a little assistance) on the voyage of the Apostle Paul, illustrated by a large map, leaving off at the point where it is said they "wished for the day."

We have had our Bible reading together, in one or other of our cabins in early morning & last thing at night, after which we have frequently had favoured times of communion & prayer & spiritual refreshment from the Lord.

It has also been our pleasure to hold our First Day morning mid-week meetings at such an hour as we judged our various friends would be so assembled; & on these occasions they have been remembered by us as we doubt not we have been by them. And we can thankfully say that we believe our little meetings in our sea-girt citadel, have been owned & blessed by the great Head of the Church.

We sat down to tea as at the general table at which we had chops & sausages, & some savoury fried white-fleshed fish but which as it had a real double-Dutch name I cannot write here. We then according to agreement took a cab to Greenwood Villa Calton. There I spent the evening

24. XI
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H. W. Graham's boarding house

with the Simseys. I sat mostly with Mahild J. Ther daughter, in the parlor looking at photographs & talking about friends each one knew. It is 4 years since the Ther daughter M. J. S. were in England. T. H. & I sat with the son in the verandah chiefly discussing arrangements conveyances Cape Wagon, Transport wagons, Cobbs No 2 Coaches Horses versus mules Sundry other opinions confirmatory or otherwise of what we had already gathered from a number of willing advisers told travellers & colonists, our fellow passengers.

We agreed to call & meet with them at ten tomorrow morning & walked quietly home. E. W. Simsey son is married. Lives near Green Point accompanying us most of the way.

In H.'s room at his request I read the Ps. CIII after which I assisted him in poulticing his ear in linseed & anointing it behind first with Iodine tincture - had a talk with T. H. in his bedroom by his request & then went to bed & thought I should soon sleep but feeling small things very like what I had heard some out-westerns call 'mules' creeping or running over me - it was a point, which would be the most overpowering, they, or true nature's sweet restorer; for I did need sleep, & was tired with the day's bustle, not having arrived at that satisfactory state during the voyage when it makes no difference to the sea-farer

whether the vessel rolls, pitches, & tosses on the ^{foaming} waves or is in calm water.

25th X 1 A cup of coffee & a biscuit with caraway seeds in it before rising this morning, & after a good wash did feel invigorated - but the crawlers - I sat for a while I was the only one troubled with them but in a while J.H. having made a search & not having got distinct vision asked me into his room to inspect a couple of his captured specimens saying Langley are nt they lice? did'nt I smile, on seeing nothing more harmless than two very fine caraway seeds lying side by side as innocent as could be.

Breakfast 8.30 & then walked to Greenwin Villa feeling it rather warm altho it was only 75° in the shade & as it threatened rain I had taken umbrellas used them as sun shades. We had a nice little meeting in M & S's room looking out into Table Bay.

J.H. went with Sam Simey to dine at Green Point & we did not see him again until night J.S. & self came to our quarters & dined on young chickens, veal, green peas kidney beans, good potatoes & stewed apricots nearly ripe & rice pudding with oranges & strawberries for dessert. In the afternoon we each shut ourselves in

our own room - I, glad of the opportunity of writing
but first assisted J. in doctoring his gathering ear which
he says will be either better or worse during the next
24 hours. He thinks it will be better. I do hope it will
he is evidently tired, cast down, & out of sorts with it.
After tea we sat down in silence & prayerfulness when
he knelt down & prayed earnestly & beautifully commen-
-cing with "Stricken in body & soul, O, God, let the prayer
of each of our hearts be - preserve me O Lord for in thee do
I trust" & for help light & guidance - & peace & satisfaction
in the future retrospect - & we have left all to follow
Thee - the dear brother - the wife of his bosom & the
sister & her family &c. As we were rising from our
knees & had taken our seats the words came before me
speak unto my people that they go forward & informed
him of it. In half an hour he got into bed & I returned
to him, where he asked me to read him the three last
chapters of Lamentations, which I did - & said now
would not thou like me to read thee a Psalm
after this - (I wanted something more hopeful &
encouraging) He replied yes please. I opened at
the XL & felt that was the one & read it & then said
I think that is a very nice one to follow the other,

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when he replied yes it is a pretty one. And after giving him a damp cloth to rest his ear on upon the pillow left him but looked in half an hour later when JH came home, when he was sleepy, told him ^{JH} he wished he had been with us. However JH had been gathering useful information.

26th XI Treater asked on board the Aqueduct in Castle Hill morning & found our remaining luggage had already been deposited in a Government warehouse from where we carted it to the exit gates & were fortunate enough to have it all passed without examination by the former courteous official. J. remains quiet in his room chiefly writing. In the afternoon JH & I looked at some Cape wagons, fancy carts, transport carts, horse wagons & other conveyances there of a "Potts No 1 Coach" being hand to 7 miles off which the owner agrees to drive us tomorrow afternoon to inspect. - Went with Mr Robertson ^{to Newlands} & found the coach pretty much as represented, we can have it for £45 as it is, but it will require £20 depending upon repairs. It has the makers name Concord N.H. & is the same I have seen on the El Paso route Texas. People complain that its swinging & swagging motion produces 'sea-sickness'. It is the most likely thing we have seen yet & will require

Bushmen paintings

to be drawn by eight mules or twelve oxen or six or eight horses which however no one recommends us to have

27. ^{III}XI The weekly mail-day ship leaving this evening & boat closing at one. We were occupied all morning till close upon the time in writing for it. I drew out two acts of our proceedings so far for the F. & B. F. And J. S. wrote H. B. & B. on behalf of us all for our Comm^{tee}. *Noted 12/11/76*

28. ^{IV}XI Mr H. C. Rutherford kindly introduces us to the Commercial Exchange & News room; also took us to the Library & Museum. The curator Capt. is a first rate entomologist & took pleasure in showing us & describing those butterflies natives of the various provinces of South Africa some of which are of great rarity & peculiar beauty. We were also shown by Miss Lloyd relative of Bleake a collection of paintings of figures, grotesque human, & animal copied from the Bushmen's drawings in the caves together with a few of the specimens of rocks containing them which had been chiseled out & brought away two or three days ago. They might have been done by more educated men. Mr ^{Thompson} ^{Dr. Aspinwall} (Rev. Congregationalist) says the Bushmen are wiser & as we are likely to pass near the Congo Caverns 2 days detour from Queenstown strongly recommends our seeing the paintings there

Called in the evening along with L.S. on Mark Casper
 this invalid wife far gone in consumption who it was
 a satisfaction to hear say she was prepared for the
 final change. L.S. read two hymns to her & then
 knelt in prayer for her & her husband who is a
 nephew of Jasper C. & such a contrast in health &
 vigor to his wife, & is an interesting & openhearted
 young man. He has spent much time at sea, been
 at the diggings, lost all, & tramped 500 miles into
 Natal in 17 days

29th XI This morning got some local Moravian Missions
 information from J.H. Rose Bookseller Long street
 C.T. who is librarian to the Y.M.C. Christian Association.
 It is also the Depot for the Bible Society, a sub-
 Comm^{tee} of which was sitting presided over by
 Sir David Tennant Speaker of the Colonial
 House of Parliament who kindly asked us all
 by name to dine with him

Took tea by appointment with W^m Thompson
 Congregational minister who has a brother residing
 in Leeds (Casper 64-5 Kirkgate) named John T.
 W^m T. spoke of going to visit Amley "Jug" in company
 with John & A.R. Thibing with whom he visited two or

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Quartered at Three Anchor Bay

or three years ago. He is a man of much & varied information concerning the native races & showed us many curiosities native idols spears both stone & iron, walking sticks & the Letsee flag Hoo letters from ^{from Madagascar} Dr Livingstone. And an iron spuke, with a portion of the wood which had escaped total destruction from the fire in which it was ordered to be burned. (Their idol.)

He presented us each with a copy of his little book entitled 'Our Old Bible with some reasons for keeping fast hold of it, in Lectures for the Times' 2nd Edn 1868

His wife gave us the first cup of tea that we really relished since leaving England & it was a treat as we walked home on remarking this to J.S. he said yes I'd have had 3 cups, large as they were, if it were not for the shame of it!

30. X. 1 Removed our quarters to another Boarding house kept by Mrs De Young & ^{Three} Anchor Bay ^{near} Sea Point & as to be as cool as possible (with the thermometer at 85° in the shade) during the extreme hot weather on J.S.'s account. The house is close to the rock side which is washed by the high & beautiful rolling waves of the sea as they dash into surf and foam on the rocky shore

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A "Friend's" School for Natives

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In the morning called at the Colonial Office and also at the Parliament House where we saw Mr Noble (to whom we were introduced by our fellow passenger Mr Auriel) author of a small work on his travels in the Cape district &c. We also called at Government House the town residence of Sir Bartle. There he delivered our letters of introduction to his private secretary (Mr Willis, Sir Bartle himself being off on the war frontier near Krili's whereabouts). We were asked to call again to see Lady Fraser & her daughters.

Made a long stay at M. Piney's School, there were about 65 children of all complexions & colour & texture of hair, from long & smooth to short & woolly. Chiefly Malays, Mosambiques, & a few English & Dutch. In age ranging from one year to thirteen. M. P. S. informed me the Malays took great pains with their hair. I. H. put them through an amusing & suitable course of examination by means of the black board. The room is a nice & airy one & is used by the Wesleyans on first days for their Sunday School.

Public Meeting in the Theatre

had old lunch with them after tea & coffee followed by a
 cup of old brandy with the theatre where we saw advertised
 our "Meeting for the nine hours" after the manner of
 the Society of Friends - at 3 o'clock saw not to interfere with
 other denominations' arrangements. The body of the building
 was well filled by a serious & attentive congregation composed
 amongst others of some of the most respectable & prominent
 people of the City of Cape Town. Sir C. was present and the
 speaker being one with his family. In a few words at the
 opening J. H. stated our custom to sit in silence before
 the Lord that He might do us good & after which there
 was a period of devout silence and F. S. arose & stated
 that for many years of his life he had taken forward in the
 present hour when it might be his duty thus to address
 an assembly in Cape Town. He reminded us that God
 dwelleth not in temples made with hands but will dwell
 in the hearts of all ^{humble & contrite men} with an expectation to give heed to
 the teaching of the Holy Spirit. He spoke for half or three
 quarters of an hour with feeling & power & was afterwards
 engaged in prayer. J. H. also said a little & so did the others
 at the end spoke of his christian unity with commendation
 He sat on the platform as did Rev. Morgan of the Dutch
 Reformed Church. We conclude the meeting from a satisfaction



1877 Try the "Cobles Coach" by journey to Simons Town. 28

in all circles. At the Cape. Signs of next 3rd day is intending
to give a short resumé of it

3rd XII. Rose about 5 this morning had a cup of coffee &
broad butter & in heavy rain took the 6.15 train for
Long St. After an hours delay our Cobles Coach harnessed
with six greys drew up before Mr Bam's & in it we took
a departure gazed on as usual elsewhere from the
unwieldy balconies & by an assemblage in the streets
chiefly composed of darkies with their shikingly gay
head dresses & hawls. Passing just beyond Wynburg
we drew up at Bathfilders Hotel in about an hour

& a half where we met our friends (Mr & Mrs Leach
our fellow passengers) had breakfast (Mr & Mrs Leach
medical officers for the Govt of London & were taking a
leave here for his health. They went on with us to Simons
Town before reaching which we passed through the
small fishing village of Port Bay arriving for our
party to be met at the Episcopal Church by Mr Baker's
Canon's Chaplain on his own estate & to see whether
now holds the post. He called our vehicle a stupendous
affair. Took the opportunity instead of going in to pick
up a few sea weeds & shells & a little fish bone. & quite suc-
ceeded in drawing a man into the water near

were quite recently whilst he was standing in the
 back's position. He drew up at the "British Hotel"
 in Simons Town. The table lunch was preparing itself
 & I went to call on Mr. Hacker, Wesleyan minister at his
 bachelor residence (it being his "first year out") & we
 arranged to be present at his chapel meeting at 3 pm
 & came back to the Hotel by one o'clock in time for lunch.
 After which we visited the Methodist Episcopal (the Wesleyans
 not having yet got one) one for infants & one for girls
 older one of which answered all the questions con-
 cerning baptism. We then called for with a colour card
 & got back to Rushfields in time for then met Mr. Hacker
 who showed us over his, neat & clean chapel & then met
 in the vestry with 5 or 6 women three or four of whom
 prayed with some earnest & exhibited signs of
 Christian life. Hymns were sung & prayer once or
 twice from the minister also from of the & it concluded
 with a benediction. Then we, Mr. & I, sat all round
 where an old woman said she remembered to see
 Backhouse & that they held a service in this
 same building. After thus spending the hour till four
 o'clock we returned to Rushfields & dined at seven but
 having half an hour to spare, James & Emily & I strolled

in the waste picking up a few wild flowers. Some
lilies were growing near water as well as, myself I gathered
a good bunch of their beautiful white flowers. They are
called pig lilies here because the swine are so fond
of grubbing for their roots. I saw numerous many *Salix*
myrsinifolia *anthemus* *serica* abounded

4th XII Mail day - wrote to my dear E. & Anne that we
none of us had received letters from England yet. The
vessel that should bring the mail being known
to be a slow sailer

Went to the Mutual Hall at six this evening according
to arrangement to receive a public welcome originating
with the Y. M. C. Association, from the various Churches
of S. A., and it was said all denominations were
represented by ministers of congregations & others
both on the platform. In the body of the meeting
We had a tasteful tea to begin with. The tables
prettily decorated with ~~cases~~ of heliotrope lilies.
Many beautiful tropical flowers whose names
I have not yet learned. A little before & after five
P.M. we mingled amongst the audience from one
to another with interest in agreeable conversation.
Sir David Tennant introduced me to his daughter

Society of Friends.

A MEETING for Divine Worship, after the manner of the Society of Friends, is intended to be held in the Theatre, in Burg-street, TO-MORROW (SUNDAY), the 2nd December, at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon, at which the attendance of the Inhabitants of Cape Town and the neighbourhood is earnestly and respectfully invited.

ISAAC SHARP.

THEODORE HARRIS.

LANGLEY KITCHING.

A Special Tram will leave Sea Point at 2.15 p.m., and return from Cape Town at 4.30 p.m.

YOUNG MEN'S

Christian Association.

A SOCIAL MEETING

TO WELCOME

ISAAC SHARP, THEODORE HARRIS, and LANGLEY KITCHING, Members of the Society of Friends, on their visitation tour to this Colony, and to welcome THEODORE HARRIS, a Delegate and Member of the Committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society,

WILL BE HELD

IN THE MUTUAL HALL

ON

Tuesday next, 4th Dec.,

AT 6.30 P.M.,

Chair will be taken by Sir DAVID TENNANT.

Admission, 1s. 6d. Tickets to be obtained from Mr. J. H. ROSE, 45, Long-street, and Mr. C. J. MARTIN, Adderley-street.

of the Society of Friends to our shores. His speech was
heartily & lengthily & supported by J. M. Thompson (Independent),
who also suggested our Society & invited a to take his hearers
to 50 years or so back, to the Castle Gate Meeting house in
York, where he attended a meeting there rather from curiosity
he supposed for he had no particular motive except to
hear what would be said. He did not say anything - till at last a lady
rose & repeated the text "And they marched these
things daily whether they were so" & sat down without
saying anything more & I believe as far as, my
recollection will carry me there was nothing more
said in the meeting. But not few words have been
with me for good & with freshness during all the
long years from that time up to the present hour.
He was called upon to reply on behalf of our Society and
took the opportunity to inform them of our Greenland
Mission & Hans Eggertsen, &c. then he was called by
the Holy Spirit & his wife also at last, who was not
at first willing, to go, the the first to carry the glad
tidings to the treacherous Esquimaux. He spoke like
himself for some time & was listened to with rapt attention
Theodore Harris was next welcomed as a Delegate from

Our welcome meeting

A member of the Council of the Bible Society to which he
politely replied I made one or two suggestions for
consideration - that they should organize a Sunday School
I have something like a Town Mission Association

There was then another resolution of welcome for all
three not in any particular capacity which concluded
with the desire that we might have a blessing &
be a blessing wherever we go when I was called
upon to speak my say I said - Sirs and Sisters,
ladies & gentlemen may we have a blessing & be a
blessing wherever we go from my heart I can
respond to this holy wish & believe it was carried
out on board the very ship which brought us to these
shores where it was encouraging to see so many devoted
Christian people each with their bible in hand
in the early morning seeking some quiet corner
in the ship, as well as they could find a quiet spot
in such a place to study it in private. * I have had
a little conversation with your worthy Secretary of
the Y. M. S. & I asked him if you admitted ladies
as members to it he said not well I am surprised
at that for ladies have a power of good (and more)
& in my own native town they are admitted

Our welcome meeting

* I mingle with the others once a week I found a large
hall with eight or nine hundred students, that portion of
scripture which is to be taken in the various classes
of their Sunday lessons is the succession Sunday
It was also our pleasure to ~~have~~ meet together a little
company every afternoon at 3 o'clock for the purpose
of reading & studying the bible not for disputation
but to see what benefit we could derive from it &
I believe it was a blessing to many I am sure it
was one to myself. The meeting concluded by
the singing of the (Catechism) There were twelve speakers
Dr. White, (Mr. Magan, (Mr. Robertson.

One of them told us of a devoted man going with his
(English) bible & as he could not understand a word of
(Dutch) English. He with his & they with the (English) one would
sit down & read & get on as well as they could till at
last he became so endeared to the people that their reverence
is this day even the place where he pitched his tent, & say he
changed, for here is the place where Townsend pitched
his tent.

Good Hope Seminary

5th XII (R)ⁿ Robertson conducted us over his 'house' which has the largest roof in one span in the colony if not in the whole world. There is some fine carving of lions & figures supporting the pulpit. He afterwards took us to a high school for young ladies of which he seems to exercise a useful part as commander in, much liked by the girls who are mostly of the upper classes & ranging from 13 to 18 years of age. The clever lady at the head sent a message hoping her establishment would receive a visit from the friends as she herself was descended from them the Trentors & married to a gentleman named Percival Episcopalian who left her a widow. I read to them the 23rd psalm & then spoke to them concerning the important duties of life. I.H. followed & E.S. knelt in prayer & the interview concluded with the singing of a hymn.

Mr. Rutherford took I.H. & myself to see the Trinity Church Schools in Catdon Street where the division is made under one roof of infants, Boys, & girls coloured as well as white. The teacher of the boys who is of Irish descent has a night school besides his work to the church and attends all marriages & funerals & their copies books were a pattern of neatness & cleanliness. I.H. asked them

a few questions concerning Paul this & that week & they went into the subject with interest. In the girls room they were not well up in this subject, but very well informed as to Samuel this history three of them & specially who were called for their correct & iron answers. They sang a song & concluded with a hymn. The head teacher seemed a very nice young woman

On leaving we fell in with T. who had been having an interview with Mr Leach who had given him a thorough overhauling & tested with both thermometer & the baroscope & contrary to his expectation said he was able to pronounce him of sound & healthy body & health
 (Dined at Villa Marine, Sea Point spending a very pleasant evening, with our host Sir & Mrs Tennant
 His family a son who is a barrister on the circuit & married a Miss Graham whose father was the founder of Grahamstown She informed me she had a brother living there still one at Port Elizabeth one on the frontier near Tene at the Diamant fields whilst her father & one brother are living at Lydenburg one daughter not married no sons who were not at dinner & Mrs. Miss Du Toit (dancer) a stout lady past middle age a French Huguenot descendant

The house commands a full view of the Bay & of the ships or steamers approaching from England & the two younger ones pointed to two lights out at sea which they said were the lights from the Hull steamers one of which was not more than due, & the other considerably behind, both coming in within half an hour of each other. So we expect to receive letters from home tomorrow.

The ladies retired from the table a cup of coffee each was brought & the opportunity was not lost for in which J.H. introduced the subject of Mr. Winter's pamphlet & L.A. (Lavinia at the time) well receiving the matter acknowledged that grievances did exist.

6:11 First thing after breakfast this morning, our usual little meeting was held in our bedroom, during which J.S. remembered in prayer & asked for a blessing for the wife in her solicitude, the children who remember their father, & the sister who keeps the watch, & J.H. & J.S. unfortunately began my journal to them that was obliged to commence. I was not sorry after reading the first page or two that we were broken off by the arrival of a landau containing Arthur

Phillips his sister - The latter made a short stay, when J.H. walked on with her to the residence, near, of one of her brothers & Arthur remained with us while longer talked about the weaver birds on his uncle's farm that build as he says wicker nests of green grass & promises to work his uncle to get me one. Said uncle has told all his 40 ostriches they were so dangerous

J.S. & I yesterday afternoon called at the museum and were kindly shown some copies or paintings copied from the 'Bushman Paintings' from a cave situated on Government ground East of the Farm Teenswblad, on the division boundary line between Ondtshoon and George copied by H.C. Schunk in May 1875. In the Kam nassi mountains. There were also copies of those in a number of other caves

~~XII~~ XII. Lunched at the old Dutch town house of H.C. Koopman who holds the office of Sergeant at arms J.H. informed him his father in law Lord C. Russel held the post in the old country. His wife & two daughters were charming & entertaining & showed us numerous specimens of old china & paintings by Miss de Wet of the beautiful wild flowers including one of the *Dis grandiflora* of Table M

We had an interview with Mr Rutherford & two or three others there & a long one at Robertsons over his tobacconists coach & are again driven to thinking it is the best thing for us

We took tea by appointment at an institution or home (in Wandell Street) presided over by Miss Mc Gill for decayed ladies In which Major Mallan was the chief founder

J.H. read to them around the table the XII Acts and suitably commented on it portion by portion at some length & then J.S. addressed them in quickly flowing words over which some tears were shed. We visited in their respective rooms two or three invalids one of whom remarked very touchingly "Going home, - no more tears now!"

At 7 we visited the ragged school on the same premises when both J.S. & J.H. addressed the children who were mostly coloured & we left before it was quite over & called at Roupinmans again for a splendid bouquet of flowers gathered that same morning on Table Mountain

7. XII
VI

Mr Rutherford

We drove this forenoon to Mowbray to lunch with our friend Mr Rutherford who has so kindly helped us with his advice & setting Simey at liberty to be our frequent guide. We called on our fellow passenger Syfret who lives near & is a solicitor in C. Town, & these two large & handsomely furnished drawing-rooms caused J. H. to remark to me there were well to do people the world over. When we were in the Syfret's J. H. remarked that he never saw a more tasteful & handsome drawing room.

The Arch-deacon & Rev Mr Long were invited to meet us & in the afternoon took us to see their schools or school in three grades which was in good order. J. H. addressed some of the elder & J. S. some of the younger. They after a look into the Church on the pew plan of which I observed the names of the Cloetes of Constantia celebrity, & also of the Syfrets. We had a cup of tea when our four-wheeled cab was announced which was to take us back to C. Town in time for the Annual Meeting of the Auxiliary of the British & Foreign Bible Society which was to commence at 6.30. We met in the ante-room several of the leading

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several of the leading gentlemen & supporters with whom we had already become well acquainted. I was hoping not to be prominently brought forward but could not decline taking the part I was asked to do by the Secy (D^r Morgan of the Dutch Reformed Ch. The Cape Argus promises an acct. J.H. gave the (Deputation Speech & A.S. interested the audience about Iceland of whose Bible Society he informed the meeting he is an honorary member

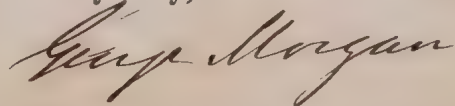
Cape Town, 17th December, 1877.

To all Friends of the British and Foreign Bible Society
in South Africa.

DEAR FRIENDS,—Mr. THEODORE HARRIS, the bearer of an "*Open Letter*," of which the annexed is a Copy, having presented the same to the Committee of the South African Auxiliary Bible Society, and having, during his short stay in Cape Town, afforded them the benefit of his valuable counsel and aid, especially in connection with the Anniversary Meeting of the Society on the 7th instant, I have been instructed to furnish him with this Note of Recommendation to as many as he may have an opportunity of visiting in his tour through this country, requesting them, in the name of the Committee, to receive him and his highly-esteemed associates, Messrs. ISAAC SHARP and LANGLEY KITCHING, with all Christian kindness, and to afford them every encouragement and assistance in their endeavours to promote a wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures.

I am,

Yours very truly,



Secretary to the South African Auxiliary Bible Society.

British and Foreign Bible Society,
146, Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C.
October, 1877.

To the Officers and Committees of the Auxiliaries to the British and
Foreign Bible Society in South Africa and elsewhere.

DEAR FRIENDS,—We beg to introduce to your notice THEODORE HARRIS, Esq., a much valued member of the Committee of this Society, who is about to undertake an important mission of a special character, in connection with a religious community, well known and deeply respected in this country for its active zeal and generous liberality in every enterprise fitted to ameliorate suffering and to promote the highest welfare of mankind.

As Mr. HARRIS will probably visit many places, especially in South Africa, where organization on behalf of this Society exists, the Committee have deemed it important to furnish him with this open letter, in order that he may become acquainted with Christian friends, who are taking an active part in measures for the translation and diffusion of the Holy Scriptures within the limits of his proposed visitation. Mr. HARRIS will esteem it a privilege to confer on any matters affecting the present condition and future plans of Auxiliary Societies, or to impart information touching the work of the Parent Society in other lands. The Committee cannot doubt that many who are directing the operations carried forward on behalf of this Society, and for the furtherance of its grand design, will gladly embrace the opportunity of meeting Mr. HARRIS, and enjoying a free interchange of sentiment concerning the most effective modes of aiding the wider dissemination of God's Word among the nations of the earth—a subject which must ever awaken the heartfelt interest of every lover of the Bible.

With much Christian affection for the bearer of this letter, and with earnest prayers that his journey may in every way serve the cause of Divine Truth, we cordially commend him to your friendly consideration and sympathy.

We remain yours very faithfully,

CHARLES JACKSON, }
S. B. BERGNE, } Secretaries.



VII

Engaged a four horse Cape fancy Cart with two Malays for drivers who are to take us on this journey to Manure & Groenkrans Wellington &c for the sum of £6. It was 10.30 when we finally started from near the Castle & 12.45 when we reached Koerberg Hotel the second on the road kept by an Irishman named P Byrne just before reaching it to the right hand side off the road is the Fink farm forming a prominently bare white & conspicuous place with a large square enclosure of drab or buff walls cased with white. We soon passed Loubser's farm house to our right with its neat family vault a little away on the left & flanked by Altona hills about 700 feet high. There is also one of the ponds or Fontains to our left just here, other two being further ahead which give to a broad patch of country the name of Dre or three Fontains whilst ahead of us are the Kantonberg mountains. All along we have come through a soil composed mostly of white sand to all appearance & is probably derived from decayed granite as at Manure station there are some high blocks of this material jutting out of the ground. ^{And all things needful seem to grow in it}

We passed two Malays laid full length on the ground feeling the effect probably of $\frac{1}{2}$ doz bottles of beer which they think they may drink instead of wine or spirits as it is a

Reach Mamre.
40 m. N. of Lake Town.

"Hotten to god"

more modern drink & so does not come to be forbidden by special name in the Koran. Their horses had got away from them & were quietly making their way off. But these stupidified men could not be aroused to a sense of their losses. Saw a large falcon. We passed scarcely any trees by the way but acres upon acres of short scrubby shrubs on some of which, as the *Rhodostoma*, cattle feed & thrive as well almost as upon grass. Heaths lilies & other flowers large & small were growing in beautiful profusion all around. It brought me a large kind of wood-cricket similar to ^{the} *Ouita* of New Zealand*. On reaching a little eminence just at sun-set & passing our thin toll-gate we saw Mamre like an oasis in the desert snugly ensconced amongst some English looking oaks & other trees. ^{In a valley called Groene Kloof or green Clough} Our Malays knew the place & drew up before the house of the oldest pastor C. A. Lemmertz whose wife was of Labrador celebrity to I. Sharp when she was the wife of another missionary since dead named Mortinson. Altho. they could not speak English nor we (Dutch) but we had Bro. A. Smey to interpret. They all gave us a hearty shake of the hand & welcome to their place saying they had heard of our being in C. Town. There are two other missionaries & their wives besides Lemmertz.

* Which the Missionaries at Mamre say is the insect called the Blotting God from its extreme fierce ugliness.

Hymn of Welcome

We sat down to tea with them about 7 & at 8 were conducted into the Church & J.S. informed that we were going to be introduced to the assembly. Your visit explained after which Brother Lemmerz said he should tell them to sing a hymn of welcome to Herr Sharp & gave him a slip of paper with it written out in English. They all rose to sing this but kept their seats for other singing.

The Lord keep thee and keep thee:
The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, & be gracious unto thee:
The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, & give thee peace, now & evermore.

Numbers

It was their usual 'week-ending service', held on the eve of the Sabbath which was concluded with a hymn & prayer after both J.P. & J.H. had each given a short address J.S. interpreting. J.S. wished to impress upon ^{them} that they must seek to do the Lord's will & that their prayers should not be mere formal words, but the feeling of the heart. The men sat on one side & the young women on the other & there might be about 200 or 300 altogether mostly young folks who were a pattern of good behaviour for any congregation in England.

We came into our own room & had our reading together.

after which I knelt down in prayer that our coming amongst them might be a blessing & that Thou Lord, as well upon us, as upon them, wilt cause the light of Thy face to shine."

It was rather tantalizing to leave Cape Town as we did with the news of the mail steamer Warwick Castle being just in port with English mail & would probably bring us our first news from home since our departure - although the Teuton which was to sail a week before it is said to be a slow boat is not yet arrived & it was by it our home letters of a week after our departure were to have been sent. We asked our friend Mr. Rose of the Bible Society's Depot to have any letters forwarded on to us to Wellington.

9. XII A cup of coffee was brot. into our bed-room at 6 this morn^g. I was already up & afterwards got to my journal. We breakfasted at 8 & went into the Church at 9 for the first part of the morning service, coming out for a $\frac{1}{4}$ hour then going in for the remainder during which the Litany & sermon were got thro'. In the first portion the attendance was composed mostly of the young with some older ones in all about 200 same as last night. In the second portion which appeared to be the most important I noticed there were more men & boys, about 185; but fewer women altogether about 320.

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At Mamre

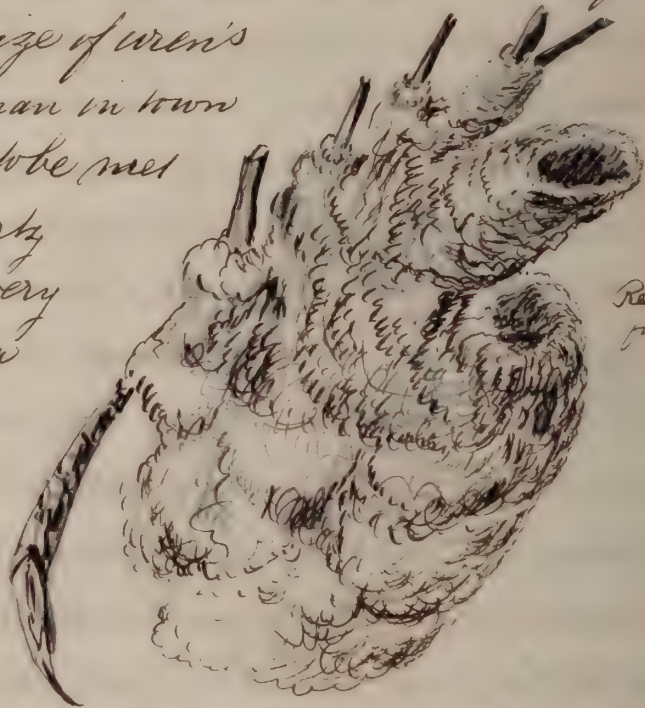
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I suppose it was because the women were required more towards noon for the cooking & other household operations whilst the men might have been engaged in the needful attendance to cattle & horses earlier on. As the service was in English we could only make out a word here & there whilst in the portions that were read, with the book before us we were able to follow & gather the sense. It was earnestly & impressively delivered. When it was over we strolled through their burial ground on the hill above & sat down on some granite rocks. F. took off his hat & prayed for a blessing on the services. The bell rang & we came down to dinner at 12 consisting of roast fowl & ducks, kidney beans & newish potatoes, salad &c. with oranges grown on the place. There was also a large flat sugared sponge-cake ornamented with sugary beads & in the centre {1 Cor. X. 31} (Whatever ye do whether ye eat or drink do all to the glory of God). Enquiring concerning the many woven grass nests of finches overhanging pendant from trees by the water side & A. Lemmertz produced one I had been enquiring after & only heard of for the first time a few days ago. Much they call the Rafok-vogel or wadding or sheep's wool nest. It is so beautifully felted together that one can scarcely fancy a bird has done it. It is fastened to the limbs

on which it was made & is in general shape like a small fancy vase with a narrow neck only large enough for a finger to go thro' (so it must be a small bird.) I close under it is a hollow sort of ledge on which the male bird takes his station. There were 5 beautiful white eggs in it the size of hen's. I was told by a gentleman in town that it was not often to be met with but Mr Lemmertz says it is not rare & very kindly made me a present of this one.

Its name

Toucan



Entrance

Resting Place
for Male Bird

Mamre is reckoned about 30 or 32 miles from Cape Town & the nearly the same further on to Wellington which will make Wellington 60 or 62 from Cape Town. Table Mountain looms in the distance like a cloud, more formidable & majestic from the comparison with surrounding hills than when it towers over our heads above Cape Town.

At 3 o'clock we went to the large room in answer to the bell

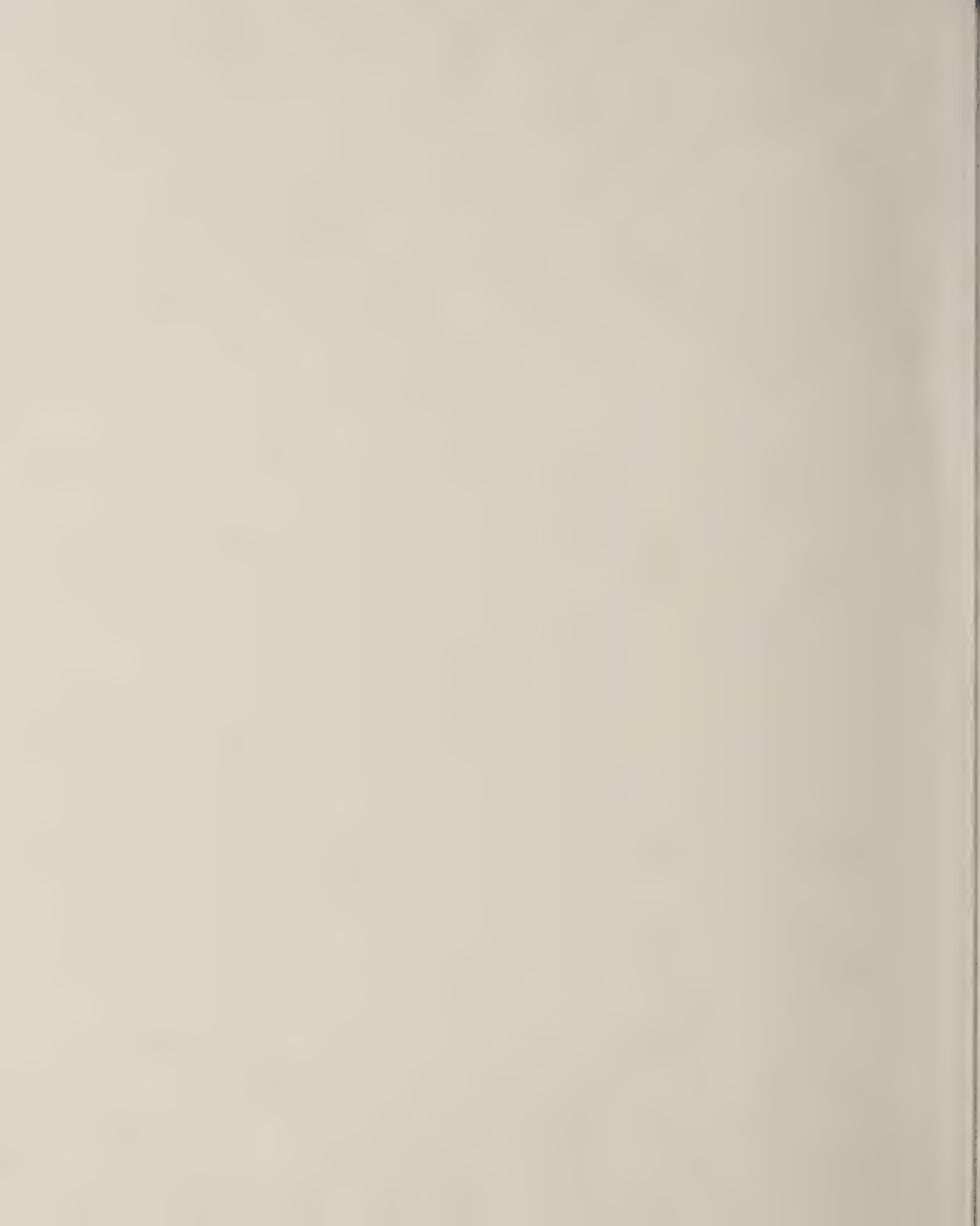
The lion's den at the end of the hall is the clever device of Mr. George F. Butt, of Wigmore-street. Mr. Butt has made the most of the small space at his disposal. The scene is a desert rock with tall grasses, creeping vine, and dwarf palms growing about it; and at the foot a puddle of water with two or three crocodiles. The three lions were shot in Abyssinia (by Mr. E. W. Knox, C.B.). When this compartment is finished, the three pillars fronting it will be adorned with heads of bison, koodoo, wart hog, and beisa antelope (now very rare). Passing by a big gorilla, we enter the Bushman hut, one of the most interesting exhibits in the whole collection. It is constructed of wood and grass, is bee-hive shaped, and is designed and furnished by Mr. T. Bowker, one of the race of African travellers. Here is the peaked cap belonging to Mebalwe, who saved Dr. Livingstone's life on the occasion of an attack by a lion. Mr. Bowker knew this man very well. One of the most curious objects in this hut is the nest of the "Tontobane." Mr. Bowker himself and the natives of Africa give an account of the habits of this bird, which reads like a nigger philosophy (half satirical) of married life. Mrs. Mona Caird might look to it. The nest, built of cotton upon the tree which produces it, is constructed within by the female bird, and on the outside by the male. That's the natural division of labour, according to Mr. Grant Allen and the Spencerians. On the outside of the nest is a little projection for the special use of the male bird. There he sits on the watch when he is not foraging for food. When danger comes—in the form of a hawk or snake—the old fellow warns his family within. He never enters the nest, say the natives; his business in life is to keep the missus and the chicks properly supplied. Next there are some specimens of the Bushman's art. Very curious among these numerous examples of primitive barbaric art is a Bechuana beer ladle, on which are drawn in outline the figures of a crocodile, crowned crane, hippopotamus, pelican, giraffe, zebra, lion, scavenger beetle, monkey, and Bechuana hut. The upper galleries contain a great number of portraits of African explorers, from Bruce and Mungo Park downwards, with MSS. and maps, old and new, of the Dark Continent, showing how gradually geographers were getting at its configuration and territorial distribution. At the end of the gallery is a series of realistic representations of African village life.



Bird's Nest

Daily News 22 March 1874

The African Exhibition



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1877

At Manure in Groenekloof

I had a cup of coffee & sweet biscuits when I brot. out my
 autograph book in which they & their wives wrote their
 names & we were asked to do the same in their large
 birth-day books & in Mr. Lemmertz's I noticed Isaac Sharp
 (Darry Knoll Middlebury Yorkshire which she said was
 written in Labrador. J. H. showed his bible diagrams until
 4 o'clock the time for us to have a meeting along with the
 family. He told them he often told his friends in England
 that the wives of missionaries had an important part to
 perform along with their husbands. He wished to bid all
 be of good cheer in their work & take their burdens or
 trials whether greater or smaller to the Lord & both J. H.
 commended to their notice the invariable practice of
 our Society before engaging in any important undertaking
 of sitting down in silence to know the will of the Lord
 & seek His direction. That we not only pray for His knowledge
 of His will & guidance, but wait before Him to know what
 it is. It was stated that were two or three met together in
 prayer for each other & themselves - they became knit together
 in bonds of love. We shook hands with all around
 before separating or dispersing & they more than one
 remarked with a hearty grasp of the hand that they felt
 knitted towards us like brethren. J. S. & I took an hour

walk & then came in to our room each to writing till tea time; & at 8 went into the Kirk again when after an introductory hymn & reading of Ps. 19 J.H. first addressed them J.A.S. interpreting J.S. followed both spoke suitably & with some given power. J.S. remarked when we reached our room for the night that he both hoped and trusted we should leave behind amongst these kind & good people some sense of the love in which we came to them. Lemmertz with his white hair & fine & reverend appearance would remind one of an ancient patriarch. It was beautifully impressive to hear them sing their grace before & after meals: they seemed to have a fresh one each time.

10.XII Left our friends of Mamre about 9 this morning both they & ^{we} feeling both to part. They watched us till we were out of sight. Mr Lemmertz gave me a few of her botanical treasures she had gathered in Sabrador amongst them was a fine specimen of *Saxifraga cernua* with two or three flowers out & 6 or 7 inches in height. Our driver brot. us into Malmerbury at 12.45 & drew up at the Commercial Hotel for two hours rest for the horses & lunch for ourselves. We took a look thru the town which has about 2000 inhabitants. The Groeneberg mountains looked fine. Toward evening we forded the Berg river,

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS.

To the Inhabitants of Cape Town, &c.

DEAR FRIENDS,

We have felt constrained, in the love of Christ, as the time for our departure from your City has approached, to invite you to assemble with us once more for the solemn purpose of Divine Worship ; and we have accordingly arranged for the holding of two meetings on Sunday next, the 13th instant, in the Theatre Royal, Burg-street.

Without wishing to impose any undue limitation upon those who may wish to attend these meetings, we shall be glad to have with us, *especially*, in the evening, the younger portion of the community. The morning meeting is fixed for 10.30 ; that in the evening for 6.30.

We embrace this opportunity to offer to our many Friends, both Ministers and others, our cordial acknowledgments and thanks for all the kindness they have shown us during our nearly seven weeks sojourn in Africa.

If we have been enabled to go in and out amongst you as in the fear of the Lord, let all praise be given to Him ; and may He graciously supply that which is lacking on our part.

We now bid you farewell, desiring that the Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Ghost may be with you, and abide with you more and more.

In this salutation we include our coloured brethren of every race and creed, commending all, with ourselves, to the one God and Father of all ; to the one Lord Jesus Christ, whose blood was shed for all, and to the work of the Holy Spirit, who searches all hearts, and is the Sanctifier of all who hearken and obey.

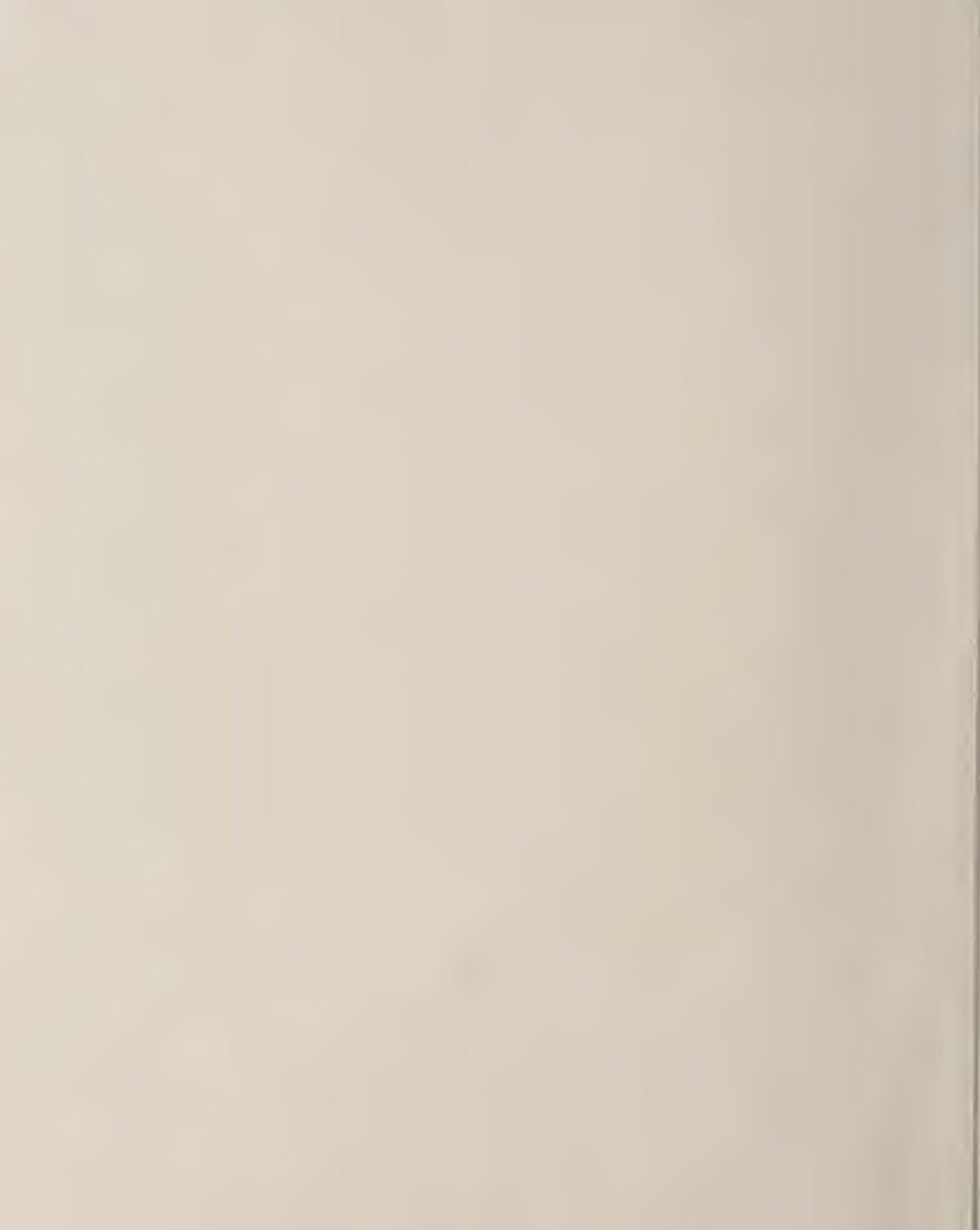
With feelings of gratitude and love,

We remain,

Your Friends and Brethren,

ISAAC SHARP,
THEODORE HARRIS,
LANGLEY KITCHING.

Cape Town 9th January, 1878



"The Light at the Cape of Good Hope."

On opening the June number of the *Missionary Review of the World*, one observes with pleasure quite a new feature, in the form of an illustration of the Huguenot Seminary at Wellington. Hitting upon the following "prospectus," one instinctively continues reading, and is rewarded by an article in Dr. Pierson's brightest style:—"We propose to draw in profile the outline of one of the most wonderful and fascinating stories of modern missions—the narrative of the foundation of the Huguenot Seminary at Wellington, Cape Colony." This educational work, which has grown to marvellous dimensions, was inaugurated by the Rev. Andrew Murray, formerly of Graaff Reinet, who has five sons now preaching in the Colony, and four daughters married to ministers. Nearly twenty years ago he buried two young children at his African home, and, in the words of Mrs. Murray, "their hands seemed emptied and ready for some work with which the Lord was waiting to fill them." Miss Abbie P. Ferguson, an American lady, volunteered for service as the first teacher in the Seminary. During the first term in 1874, there were forty students from fifteen to forty years of age; and Bible-reading and prayer were from the first the characteristic features of the school life, the first hour of each day being given to instruction in the Holy Word, and a half-hour in the day being reserved for the quiet of personal communion with God. Even those whom candour compelled to confess that they were unsaved could not rest content without salvation, and to a meeting called for those who felt that they were Christ's "every one in the school came." After all these years have put the confessions to a test, nearly everyone converted has remained faithful, and not a few have been filling positions of singular usefulness. Again, in 1879, nearly all the inmates of the school became disciples of Christ. The writer does not know the precise number of missionaries who have gone out from the school, but there have been hundreds of teachers. As might be expected, the saved became saviours. In 1887-8 Miss Ferguson made a famous journey of some hundreds of miles in Southern Africa, and at every stopping point but one she was the guest of "her daughters"—the young ladies who had graduated from Wellington, and gone into all that dark land to become teachers, missionaries, wives of godly men and ministers of the Gospel, and who are thus turning many a "valley of desolation" and barren waste of paganism into the Lord's garden. In 1880 eleven schools had already been established in Southern Africa, under the care of American teachers, and thirty-eight ladies had arrived to take charge of this work of education. "No words can express the blessing which has come through this period of almost twenty years to the whole of Africa, through these grand Christian schools. They are building light-houses, not at the Cape only, but all through the southern half of the Dark Continent. We doubt whether any work ever done for God has had, from the inception, more signal tokens of His approbation and blessing."

The *Review*, from which the above is summarised, contains also articles by our friends the Rev. E. Storrow, on "The Divine and Supernatural in Foreign Missions," and by Captain Hore, on "A Wonderful Lifeboat." Indeed, the whole number is mainly given to Africa, and is unusually rich in material, from various valuable sources, upon different phases of the languages, customs, oppressions, and needs of that continent.

cerny in coming about us as professed inquirers. Alas ! we seldom see such people again. Verily, they are bound by a curse.

"But your hands are full of work for the Annual Meeting, and I must not bore you further. We pray that the gathering in May may be a great success.

"I wish I could say my wife was well. She still carries her burden of sorrow, and will do so for many a day."

Yün Mung.

"The Yün Mung house and chapel are now being put to good use. At the China New Year, Dr. John, Dr. Gillison, and myself, with several native brethren of standing, were there for two or three days, and had crowded congregations and very encouraging Altar Services."

agent, the Rev. W. R. Fletcher, M.A. It is encouraging to see one of our Australian ministers taking so deep an interest in foreign missionary operations. Mr. Fletcher has visited India twice in order to acquaint himself with the actual work which is being carried on at the mission stations, and the facts he has gleaned and the inspiration he has received will enable him to render most valuable service in connection with the effort which is being made to unite the Australian churches to face their common responsibility.

"Amongst the suggestions submitted by the agent to the South Australian Auxiliary Committee were the adoption of an annual Missionary Week such as we are inaugurating in Victoria this year, the publication of an Australasian edition of the Society's *Chronicle*, and the use of contribution envelopes. These proposals were discussed, and resolutions passed to carry them out. The Missionary Week idea was very warmly received."



Our Reconstructed Directorate.

THE first meeting of the new Board took place at the Mission House on Tuesday afternoon, May 26th, and was a meeting which will undoubtedly in years to come be looked back upon as an historical event. It is the beginning of a crisis in the Society's history. Claims so urgent that it is almost impossible to refuse them await the fiat of the Board in the immediate future, and the many offers of service now being received from earnest and well-educated Christian women only further emphasise the obligation to seek the help of ladies as Directors. The news of the reconstruction has gone the round of the mission-field, and only the day before came from one quarter the message, in

& shortly afterwards entered the town of Wellington which has a population of over 2000 & drove up to the house of Andrew Murray (Dutch Reformed Minister & whose wife is sister to our friend & helper Dr. Rutherford who had written to say we might be expected so that we found quarters ready prepared for all four of us & gave us a nice tea & supper of cold fowls & ducks, eggs & apricot & raisin preserves. The Murrays & Rutherford as boys remember Jos Buckhouse & W. Walker & all speak highly of the influence & good feeling they have left in the memory of those here.

Mr Murray has a sister at Graafreinet

The first thing on entering the house Mr A. Murray handed us a basket saying 'I suppose this will be the most welcome thing for you now.' It contained letters for us from home by the Warwick Castle & no sooner had we broken the seals of them than a messenger came with another batch which had come over by the 'Tutor' which had left London a week earlier & delayed sailing owing to storms in the channel. We did not get time to finish reading them till late into the night, in our own rooms.

11. XII
III After breakfast Andrew Murray took us to the examination at the Young Ladies Huguenot Seminary where 90 are under the management of Miss Fergusson but who

not being well was not present & Miss Bliss the
2nd in order has the management. They have 3 buildings
or households, each doing all its own domestic manage-
ment this being so well arranged as not to take more than
 $\frac{1}{2}$ hour from each per day. Some of them w^d be 22 or 23 yrs
of age, the daughters of farmers, boers & merchants from
distances ranging from 5, 10, 20, & 40 miles or more. They
were all genteel & ladylike in their deportment.
The school is on the Mt Holyoak plan Miss Ferguson being
from that Institution, & Miss Bliss also, who kindly asked us
to stay & dine with them. It was an interesting occasion
sitting down with 50 of them in one room at 3 tables,
3 of them leaving their places as occasion required, to change
the plates &c., perfect freedom of speech was carried on &
all seemed happy & dignified. They had lost one or two
intended students on acct. of the domestic requirements
of the Institution. Two joined at a room which was fitted up
as their private sitting room & bed-room. They have one
room as a library, & another for a museum which latter is in
a young state. Miss Bliss suggested that I should give them
all the natural history specimens I might collect during
our wanderings in the Colony. They shewed an accurate
knowledge of Scripture. There is a large garden & orchard

At Wellington

with shady trees where they may occasionally study under if they like.

Near by was an Infant School for Coloured & Village Children who sang nicely & were suitably addressed by J.S. Andrew M. drove us 2 or 3 miles out to see Mr. Suckey's school, also under the Dutch Reformed Church, government & where one of the senior students, ^{Fouche} was thought likely to be of use to us as interpreter & factotum in our up country journey but nothing was fixed upon & the young man said he was willing to leave it for Mr. Murray to settle with another.

We took tea by appointment with Mr. Geo. Fergusson who with his wife, have recently come from the U. S. A. to preside over the Training Institution for intending Missionaries. He was chosen on acct. of their already having his sister over another school in the town. There were 10 or 15 of them who were, before the tea things were removed, very suitably addressed by J.S. concerning the path in life before them. We had at once to adjourn to the Chapel at the foot of Mr. Murray's garden where a good meeting was held for which we felt thankful. A. M. says that for six Sundays past he has been preaching to his congregation on the power of the Holy Spirit & his teaching, & that he felt his

St. Wellington

mind drawn so to distance his late visit to England & America

A. M. in conversation with J. H. informed him that he approved of orthodox Friends -

J. H. volunteered the sentiment that if the Church of England would allow us Friends to speak in their Churches our raison d'être would no longer be! H. being appealed to had to say that his dear friend himself did not think alike on these topics. A. M. also said now you are getting, or your party, further away from your Societies tenets, your children will get still further, their children further still, till there are none of you left. J. H. said he did not think so, but spoke in the effect that there might be a sufficient leavening without. I afterward told J. H. I agreed with A. M., who evidently had the best of the argument.

We also conversed on what A. M. styled the tremendous evil of the 'wine allowance' given by the farmers to the hired coloured labourers who usually get 2 bottles a day which they drink without showing any evil effects owing to the profuse perspiration. But this induces the appetite; & they go from one farmer to another & say how much wine will you allow me in addition to the wages; & thus it becomes a great curse & source of drunkenness as the wine is considered good & strong.

On reaching A. M.'s at Wellington our drivers with their cart & 4 horses returned

Andrew Murray Honored.

By Polhemus Lyon.

READERS of this paper who are familiar with the devotional books of the Rev. Andrew Murray, D. D., of South Africa, will be interested in learning of the conferring upon him of the degree of doctor of literature by the University of the Cape of Good Hope, on their annual degree day, in February.

As the old gentleman, now approaching his seventy-ninth birthday, stepped forward to receive his degree from the vice-chancellor, the audience of more than a thousand, English and Dutch promptly rose in reverent silence, in recognition of the honor the university was doing itself in conferring their highest degree upon South Africa's Grand Old Man.

The address of the registrar to the vice-chancellor on this occasion was as follows:—

"Dr. Murray was born at Graaf Reinet in 1828. He was educated at the universities of Aberdeen and Utrecht, and on his return to South Africa he was appointed in 1849 minister of Bloemfontein, with general pastoral supervision over the Dutch Reformed congregations of the whole of the Orange River Sovereignty. After periods of ministerial service in Worcester and in Cape Town, he was called to Wellington in 1871. He resigned his charge there in 1905.

"Dr. Murray is known throughout South Africa, as a preacher of great intellectual power and spiritual insight, and his works, translated into many foreign languages, have received a wide recognition in Europe and America.

"Through a ministry extending over nearly sixty years, Dr. Murray has been an earnest advocate of that system of national education in which the work of the public school is strengthened by the influence of the well-regulated school home. During

his ministry in Bloemfontein, and largely through his influence, the Grey College was founded, and to his arduous ministerial duties he added for a time the duty of resident head of the college. During his residence in Cape Town Dr. Murray assisted in founding the Young Men's Christian

Association, and was chosen its first president.

"His ministry at Wellington has been identified with educational work in many forms. Through his exertions the Huguenot Seminary at Wellington was founded in



DR. MURRAY.

1873, and this has been the model of most of the large boarding-schools for girls in South Africa.

"Twenty-five years later the Huguenot College was recognized as an Arts Department for the university education of women students.

"Side by side with the Huguenot College and Seminary there have been developed, under Dr. Murray's auspices, a high school for boys, a training institution for missionary teachers, and a training college for teachers for public schools.

"The Dutch Reformed Church, recognizing the high theological and administrative gifts of Dr. Murray, has paid him the unprecedented honor of electing him to the chair of moderator in six synods. His own University of Aberdeen has conferred on him its degree of doctor of divinity.

"Through his counsel and example in the work of national education in South Africa, Dr. Murray has contributed in no ordinary measure to prepare the foundations on which the work of this university must rest. The university desires that the name of so distinguished a South African as Dr. Murray may be connected permanently with its history, and I therefore ask you, Mr. Vice-Chancellor, to confer upon him the honorary degree of doctor of literature."

It was really through Dr. Murray that Christian Endeavor obtained its beginning in South Africa, and he has been the honorary president ever since he felt unable to continue as the active president of the Christian Endeavor Union of South Africa, and his counsel in committee has been of very great service, especially during the formative years, and again when race feeling interfered with the growth of our movement.

Cape Town, South Africa.

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Seattle Convention, and to A
rosby Parsons.

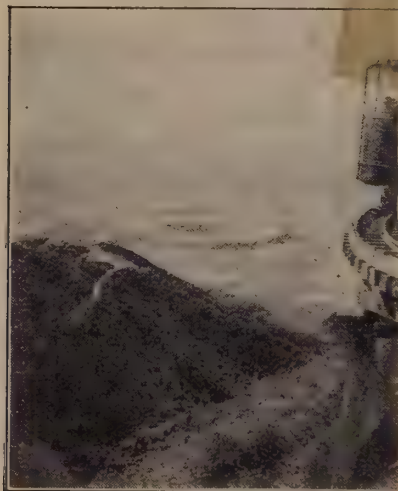
Sierra Madre. It is all a wonderland, as if touched with a magician's wand.

Another caution. Practise using H on all Spanish words beginning with J; else you will be marked "tenderfeet."

Do not say San Jose for San Hosay. Learn to spell "arroyo" (dry river-bed). Experience proves that its mastery requires time!

First, Los Angeles.

As you view this beautiful city, its hills crowned with palatial flower-embowered homes and noble public buildings, its tropical foliage, fascinating drives beneath palms, peppers, camphor-trees, its parks and gardens, its strange blending of Span-



Circular Bridge, N

ish and American names and peoples, you will not question classing it among the wonders, especially when you learn that fifty years ago it was a Spanish pueblo of adobe houses, its first white child born in 1851; and then reflect upon its amazing growth into a population of 250,000!

On to Pasadena. "Crown of the Valley." To describe this diadem of the Southland would mean to group flowers, oranges, orchards, vineyards, drives, homes, plains, mountains, into one vast pile, then sort them out to fit the need.

The splendid rampart of the Sierra Madre buttresses the valley to north and east, and of course you must ascend its most famous peak. As the legend in our street-cars phrases it: "Would you mount Mount Lowe." Travellers testify

panorama moves too rapidly for the amazed tourist.

Riverside claims the finest orange groves in the world, as her splendid orchards testify.

Stately Magnolia Avenue and the altogether novel Hotel Glenwood repay acquaintance. Our party decided the town was so named because it wished it had a river.

Redlands lies in a valley of surpassing loveliness as viewed from Smiley Heights, the Mecca of the tourist.

The Scriptures speak of the mountains' skipping like rams, and this is the place where they do it. For such dignified peaks they certainly show surprising agility, never being found twice in the same spot.

The great Cucumunga seemed to lift its summit to the north (part of the time); and, not understanding Esperanto, we decided that this Indian word signifies, "Not scalable by cucumbers."

It is interesting to stand at the beginning of anything, an enterprise, or Plymouth Rock, or beside the tiny rivulet that swells into the Mississippi.

You may find it equally fascinating to come to the end.

Did you ever think you would like to see the very limit of the Union, and corner at last that elusive and alluring "jumping-off place"?

Then on to San Diego, fast awakening under the touch of American enterprise, full of old Spanish life and history, glorious for situation, overlooking a bay admitted to be without a rival in America for beauty and for splendor of coloring. A strange, soft charm envelops land and sea.

California ends in a long, narrow peninsula called Point Loma (Loma, the hill), forming a natural breakwater between the ocean and the harbor.

This long ridge, crowned with a fine lighthouse, rises boldly from the water, a great cliff; and here you are at the very end! The formation resembles the slender handle of a skillet, and it seems as if one might take hold of it and turn the Union

to C. Town receiving the contracted payment of £6 for the whole journey exclusive of tolls. They were quiet Malays, speaking to their horses as "now my children!" then "now then remember your father!" if they were wanted to go extra quick.

Hired another fancy car, & four horses to take us over the mountain pass called Baine's Kloof from its engineers for the sum of £3 to Brede or Brood river Railway Station.

12. XII. Left Durban at 8.13 this morning from our kind hosts Andrew Murray this large family who gave us a bag of fine oranges to eat by the way. Our whole road lay over the mountain Pass the scenery of which is grand but the ascent was not so interesting as the descent into Brede river Station over a Carding Bridge which is just before we come to it. We saw our first Springbok amongst the rocks & bushes but no monkeys or baboons but we saw a darkey who was in the act of killing a five foot cobra de capella, & our driver pointed out a man who only a few months ago had had his arm taken off by a panther or cat's tiger. He had caught it in a trap, but in its desperation on seeing him approach got loose & attacked him before he could shoot it. Fine clumps of white everlasting flowers were growing near the summit of the mountains & low by fern flowers which it was no use gathering for want of means of preserving them.

12. XII
IV

Reach Worcester

We reached a bridge called (Carling Bridge at 12.10 where was a Toll gate the 2nd we had come thro. & Brede Riv. Station at 12.30 where we took Rly. tickets for Worcester at 1.10m 3/8 each passing thro. Godini Road Station which is an hour & half's ride from the village, which is celebrated for its fine raisins arriving at our destination at 2.10 The train being met by (the brother of our late kind host) William Murray also a minister of the Dutch Reformed Church, who drove us to his house & prepared us all 4 to stay with him, but as he had only been expecting 3, J. & I only accepted his hospitality, J. & I. not wishing to overwhelm him went to Perkins Hotel to sleep.

W. M. took us almost at once to see his ^{or Preparatory} Infant School ^{Managed by Miss Cleveland of U.S.} & afterwards to call on (Rev. L. T. Eyselen of the Phoenix Church. Missions Schools & then came back to tea, where a party had been invited to meet us viz 4 Lady teachers from the Seminary presided over by Miss Fergusson & Miss Bliss, Rev. Jefferies Independent, & Mr Eyselen. After which we adjourned to W. M.'s Chapel for the meeting, notice to hold which had only ^{been} ~~given~~ ^{on day or 2 before} a short notice but there were about 150 presents who exhibited an appreciative & devout demeanour throughout. W. M. kindly interpreting for J. & I. ^{in a very feeling manner} as they were mostly coloured or Basuto Afrianders & could not well understand anything but (a. n. d.)

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[At one of the meetings not interpreting one of the coloured men said "he did not understand the words but he felt the power"]

13.XII Rose at 11.30 this morning & were taken on a Cape Cart
 & 4 horses under the care of our kind host W.M. & Brand Vley
 or Broad Valley, crossing the river of same name, which is
 sometimes almost unfordable. We came to the farm house
 kept & owned by an invalid named ^{Hot} ~~Cat~~ ^{known as} ^{vet} who farms
 his 6000 acres but mostly grass for horses of which he has
 a considerable number & a few ostriches. A few hundred
 yds from his house in a hollow sort of basin the water rises
 out of the ground at the temperature of $146^{\circ} F$. The water is
 allowed to flow away by 3 equal conduits as $\frac{2}{3}$ belongs to another
 owner. A building has been erected near by for baths but it
 has to be cooled first as any thing falling into it is hurt beyond
 recovery. The child of the caretaker having been lost in this way
 only 2 months previously. The water is supposed to be heated in
 passing thro limestone but does not exhibit any other special
 properties. We breakfasted with the Hots on eggs & tilling.
 The vet seems a weakly woman also. They are Christian
 people & appreciated the religious opportunity which followed
 & spoke of one which Major Mitlan had with them some
 time back. On our return by an old, wide wide we disturbed
 two or 3 doz. baboons which scampered along the sandy flat,
 in the distance, to get safe into the mountains. There were 3
 or 4 young ones amongst them & our hosts had captured one

a week previously. They informed us they did much damage in frequent visits to orchards & gardens & w^d sometimes get a lamb & tear open & suck its blood. That they became savage when attacked & would often kill the dogs so that a farmer did not like setting a good animal after them for fear of losing him. It was by & when we got back w^d M^r when after a wash he took us to be present at the examination of the Traveller Young Ladies Seminary, often called the Huguenot Ladies Seminary presided over by Miss Nellie A. Smith & Sister assisted by a full staff of teachers, similar to the one at Wellington on the Mt Holyoke plan. As they had just gone thro' their scripture examination M^r asked them a few questions additional which were answered readily showing a well grounding therein and J. P. in speaking to them observed at the commencement that there is one great difference between the old & the young - the old look back upon the years they have spent; but the young look forward, with all the bright expectancy of the life that is before them, & its power for good & desire in accordance with the motto on the wall each one w^d from her heart pray "God bless our school" And that in the approaching separation for their various homes, each one w^d carry her influence there w^d be for good &c.

They invited us to take tea with them in the evening of 16.15 which we gladly ^{agreed} ~~agreed~~ to do & spent a pleasant time

with the young ladies & their teachers. Miss Smith who is decidedly the youngest of the staff is at its head. First she is somewhat commanding appearance & she is modest, very pleasant & agreeable in her demeanour. The whole household seem like a troop of good sisters. Mrs Murray says they have had these two young ladies from Mt Holyoke now for 2 years & that when they came some of the pioneers remarked to their friends that they could not understand how it was they were no longer spoken harshly of for their short-comings but that their teachers would even cry & pray over them. That the introduction into the colony by Andrew Murray of Mary & Ann's looks has been a great blessing to the colony in being the cause of these Christian Annulars having been instituted.

We also inspected the boys at their examinations in Mr Jeffreys (Independent minister) School. They were not so well up in Scripture as the other schools were suitably addressed & Mr Jeffreys made a formal thanking for the visit in the name of the boys.

At 2 in the afternoon Mr Murray called with us to visit what has perhaps more than anything excited our admiration in S. A. & for the Rhenish Church Mission Schools presided over by that remarkable man L. F. Esselen - where the

order, management & control are in a state of perfection beyond praise. Mr Esselen went round with us first into the wing set apart for infants which held 200 & was quite full was being taught by 2 senior women teachers & half a dozen monitors who had six or eight in a class.

In the 2nd room were 61 young children a few years older than the others.

In a 3rd room were also 60 a little older still & of both sexes, who were being instructed on the 12 Division of S. A. Their writing was uncommonly good. Their studies here were being carried on in the Dutch language & were changed every $\frac{1}{4}$ hour & a hymn sung.

In the 4th room we entered was the highest department in which were about 80 ranging in age from 14 to 18 also as in the other rooms of both sexes, & mostly dark complexions of varying intensity.

The Rev. Esselen next took us into his Church where were assembled 27 young women scholars with wadded heads covered by white sun-bonnets waiting for him to catechise. They answered in the words of scripture in Dutch such questions as the following. - What is Conversion? What is true belief? In what way are we considered righteous in God's eyes? Ans. by Faith. What is Sanctification?

"These 27 or more are all baptised Christians prepared for Communion Service."

Mr Esselen's mind was first directed to the mission field by Gobert, the bishop of Jerusalem. It is a pity he has become very deaf. When we were entering the court he pleasantly remarked you may compare my establishment if you like to a monastery & Mr Murray's to a nunnery. We were informed this grand man had refused the offer from the English Episcopal Ch. of a Bishopric.

It is likely at his decease it may be handed over to the Dutch Reformed body with whom they agree so cordially. It is something to have made the acquaintance of such a man.

At 8 pm. a meeting had been given out to be held in Mr Esselen's Church & there was a good attendance of between 400 & 500 who listened to the exhortation to flee from sin with much seriousness, & noticed more than one man of colour using his pocket handkerchief to his eyes. During J.S.'s impressive address a holy feeling seemed to pervade the meeting & at its close they sang ^{Psalm 134} a prayer which Mr W Murray who acted as interpreter. J.P. & J.H. whispered to me was ~~that~~ ^{that} the Grace of God & the Light of his countenance may go with us on our journey.

In the railway train Mr Coulter sat between me & J.P. said in my ear, my people will ask me who you did not speak. I said we are not all called to speak. & J.H. hearing this said - They also serve who only stand & wait.

Worcester is a level plain with the town in its midst
& completely surrounded by mountains whose beautiful
& grand loft peaks rise to the height of between 3000 & 8000 feet,
reminding one, as was alluded to in evening prayer by S.S.
of the mountains round about Jerusalem

14. XII Rose at 5.20 this morning & after the usual cup of
VI coffee W^m H. sending our bags to the station by hand cart walked
with us to take a last look at Worcester from a hill close by
the line. ^{It is parting robe of the hand with S.S. was accompanied with the salutation} It was a pretty sight to see the town a little below
us & the enclosing peaks of the mountains gilded by the
rays of the rising sun. H. M^rson brot. us a large basket
full of apricots & sandwiches for our refreshment on the 70
miles railway ride from here to Lady Grey Bridge - the
first or outermost end of Paarl, which is a shagging
ornamental, somewhat aristocratic looking village of
4 or 5 miles in length. In the drawing room before
leaving W^m H's house after a short Psalm was read, he
earnestly prayed for a blessing on all the places & people
where we might be led to visit. Mr Esselen met us
at the station, & travelled with us as far as Tull Bagh
(Toll Bar) which he informed us was just on a level
with the height of Table M^{tn}. I also that 4
or 5 of the streets of Worcester were 1 mile long & 60 ft. wide
* Well, old father - farewell, & the Lord go with thee.

Half an hour from starting we came to Godini Road Stn.
In another $\frac{1}{2}$ hr we came to Breede Riv^r Stn^m again
where we drove to over Baines's Kloof Pass. In 20 minutes
more we reached Ceres Road near the entrance to Ceres Pass
where a few passengers got in, 2 or 3 of whom, white men
wore large ostrich feathers in their hats; which is a notice to
the dealers that they have such to sell. In another $\frac{1}{2}$ hour
we came to Tull Bagt Station where the train began
to wind its way through the Pass on the mountain sides
with a sun-pitce road below it & river still further at
the bottom. There were some grand rocks, & some de-
-lached pinnacles were painted various gorgeous hues
with thickly coating lichens, some of them completely
scarlet. Next we came to in 15' more
Bichnes Road Station, and in another $\frac{1}{2}$ hour
to Hermon viz at 9.30 AM an old abandoned M.S.
In 35' more we again reached Wellington, where we
stopped for $\frac{1}{4}$ hour, & afterwards reached Lady Grey
Bridge Station, where a Cape Cart belonging to a
Toit a store-keeper & wagon-builder was in waiting.
who took us to see several places where they were
in process of manufacture, but we did not see any
that put us out of conceit with toots coach

We also called on Rev J D J Kempster who was an Independent, but rec'd a call from the Dutch Ch. to his present place. He was sorry we could not fix for a meeting in his building & showed us over both his Ch. & School. We drove around Taart which has high mountains on the two sides of it, & receives its name from a white glittering, globular rock on the highest peak which the Dutch have fancifully likened to a pearl. The roads are well planted with oak trees whose acorns are large & on stalks & relished by ostriches, cattle & figs.

We dined with C. u Toit & his wife who gave us for dessert quite a fruit feast of oranges, apricots, mulberries & figs. At 3.15 we left Lady G. Bridge Station by the succeeding train, passing first Hrs. Taart station.

At 3.50 we passed into Elapmuts Station, just after leaving which we saw 80 ostriches feeding near St. Mulders Vley. We had to be quick & change trains at 4.10 pm. from narrow gages carriages to broad. After which the first station we came to was,

Stellenbosch. We took a C. cart to her & H. Neeshling's Bloemhof about 12 miles from station & whose wife was Maria Murray to whom when a girl at Graepenes Jas Backhouse gave a testament which she showed

Paarl is 38 miles E of C Town
Pop 5000.

Founded beginning of 18th Century
Many French Huguenot refugees
are settled in the neighborhood
of Stellenbosch - It is the
seat of Wine producing districts
large gardens

us with the inscription "James Backhouse of York, to Maria Murray 5th of 11th mo. 1839 which she appeared to prize. And informed us that the gum trees *Eucalyptus globulus* which are now so extensively planted throughout the Colony were first introduced by J.B. & G.W.W. who distributed seeds & young trees & planted them at Somerset

We did not see much of Mr Neethling as he had to return to the death-bed of a married niece at some distance, who leaves 5 children & who had come near here from Graafreinet with a brief leave of absence for the husband from his clerical duties on his wife's account - But he gave us a hearty welcome & wished he could go with us as guide & interpreter & would really like his eldest son to go if he could be spared from his studies

We visited the interesting family at Bloembhof - a young Ladies ~~Christian~~ Seminary, where earnest Christian training is combined with thorough instruction similar to the 2 others we have seen at Wellington & Worcester & there is a fourth at Graafreinet & one in organisation at Pretoria. The principal miss Gilson was desirous of affording us a short religious opportunity with their family which they seemed to appreciate and

Stellenbosch

I showed us round the building & its American Cooking place for burning coal. ^{The said such visit as you will very much help the Missionaries in the Colony}

"Each one is taught to feel that some responsibility rests upon her, that she aids in promoting the comfort of the whole family, & thus she is fitted for the duties of life & learns that to minister may be a source of higher pleasure than to be ministered unto."

All the staff of teachers are from New England States & rec'd their training at Mt. Holyoke Institution

The Stellenbosch First Class Public School, has a Council of 7 to manage, with Rev. Prof. Murray as chairman (brother of Andrew & William) & Rev. H. Neethling Secretary. The Principal Rev. Chas. Anderson assisted by 2 Professors & 6 masters. Present number of pupils 143. Of the 16 Matriculation Candidates who completed last July 14 passed, several of whom were in honours. So the B.A. candidate was awarded the £50 Scholarship tenable for 2 years

The Theological Seminary has 18 Students under Rev. Prof. Hoffmeyer (Marion) ^{The said to H.S. on taking leave your visit is like a refreshing draught of beautiful water}

Tea supper at 8.45 & after a long talk with Prof. Hoffmeyer, & Miss Gilson & another lady dropped in for a few minutes. Before separating from the supper table the Bible was handed to H.S. who feelingly spoke to the family & prayed for those

* As we breathe without intermission so should our aspirations be

present the relation on her death-bed

15. XII Again rose early. Walked round the orchard with young Deestling. It was being irrigated. There were figs, apricots, peaches, loquats, guavas, custard apples & in various stages of growth with apples, pears & strawberries the latter continuing for 6 mos. but not having the fine flavor of our English fruit. After hurried breakfast drove the 10. mile to the station to take the 8.40 train for Cape Town. It is an hour & half's ride through Eerste River, Knips River, (2) Urban Road, & Salt River Stations reaching Cape Town about 10 AM - Called on Rutherford & those for letters & then took Train to Three Anchor Bay & was employed all afternoon & evening writing up this journal which keeps me closely occupied at all spare moments & I think my E. will have to compliment me on its compactness.

J.H. remained till a later train having engaged to lecture to the young ladies at the Seminary on the voyage of the apostle Paul This Shipwreck

on our evening reading feeling that we had cause for devout thankfulness in reviewing the proceedings during the week. H. remarked ^{to} Peace shall be on Zion and on all her towers

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Meeting at Papendorf

16. XII. I am 8.45 to C. J. meeting at 10.30 at the house of M. Timney which seemed as a sweet hour of prayer and refreshing. There were 12 or 13 present, one being a vicar preacher amongst the Wesleyans, & a Miss Byrne, an authoress. He dined with M. T. & at 4 in the afternoon, went to Papendorf, the Botanical Green of Cape Town, about 2 miles out, where a small (Lutheran) Ref. Ch. had been handed over for a meeting with the inhabitants. There were about 70 present. When it was half over Dr. Arnold the minister from the Episcopal Ch. close by dropped in took a seat near the bottom. His wife & had been present all the time.

He took tea with W. & E. More whose house is near, he is a lawyer, & member of the legislative assembly, has six sons & six daughters. He says there is never a week passes but he has an applicant to be divorced, that he always advises peace & making it up, & has been so far successful as only to have taken one case into court in all his practice.

Passing the Malayan cemetery we observed a number of them in all the gaiety of the usual gay attire keeping watch as it were over the graves. I were informed it was a Feast day called Sabaran with them.

17. XII. Wrote home to my dear E. & also to J. B. B. for the mail which goes tomorrow by our friend the (Dunrobin Castle

on its return voyage. Went to the Sea Point entrance of the
 Kloof & made two thirds or more of the ascent of the Lion's
 Head where I gathered a few adiantums, aspleniums &c
 J.S. & J.H. went by rail to Stellenbosch & in the evening to
 Cape Town where J.H. gave a sort of running commentary on some
 of the various renderings of passages in the New Testament
 to the Young Mens Christian Association

Charles

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18^{XII} This morning we went to breakfast with Mr Hole
 (of Trinity Ch. Cape Town) to meet the various ministers &
 laymen who are accustomed to meet once a month at one
 or other of their houses for devotion & prayer for the town
 & helping on their efforts in the cause of Christ's Kingdom
 We were invited that it might also be a time of fare-
 well & well-wishing before setting out on our journey
 throughout the Colony: but as it is two weeks before we
 expect to get away it is a little premature. Much earnest
 prayer was offered for us that way might be opened -
 that we might find an open door for good, & under the
 guidance of the Holy Spirit be a means of blessing to many
 wheresoever we may go. In thinking of the various creeds
 or ministers thus uniting & come together J.S. a little
 before the company separated said he had been thinking
 of that passage. How good & how pleasant it is for brethren

Kaffir College. Bishop Grey

to dwell together in unity, it is like the precious
ointment &c.,

19. XII By invitation of Lady Frere we attended the distribution
of prizes at the Kaffir College by the Bishop who very kindly
showed us over the building himself From the Tram we drove there
with the Dean of Cape Tⁿ who took us into the Warden's lodge and
introduced us to a number of clergymen & others.

Solomon, of the Gaika tribe, who was a companion in travel
with Major Malan received a first prize in
the first that had ever been given away in a public manner
by any of his tribe. Molsuane, a Basuto, the 1st prize in
religious knowledge. There were more Basutos than
other tribes, & the whites are educated along with them
in fact form more than half the number

In the afternoon & evening attended the Xmas treat to the
children under the care of M. Viney in Long Street & were
struck with the contrast between it & the one of Estlin's at Worcester.

20. XII. By permit from the Colonial Office, we went this morning in the
little ^{Gann} 40⁰ steamer, to Robben Island, & were very kindly & hospitably
entertained by the Chaplain Wilster & a Dr. Biccara who is over
the whole of the department hoped we wd come & stay a few days
at his house & take time to see every thing at advantage As it was
he gave orders for the convicts to be assembled just before their
dinner hour to afford J. R. & I the desired opportunity for a

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Lepers on Rotten Island. &c

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religion, interview with them. They were all blacks but a few
one who was a ^{Dutch} German. Had rec'd a university education in Holland
for them into low (Dutch). On leaving their room we shook hands
with them. They evinced evident thankfulness at the kindness
& concern manifested for their welfare.

The Lepers were a pitiable sight but did not seem to feel
miserable. They were very variously affected, some with no borders
some had lost both feet & others hands hobbling along the ground
as best they could. They were of various nationalities but mostly
dark skinned. And the attention & serious earnestness of
some of them when I directed their attention to the great
healer of souls whose object in afflicting us was, that he might
draw us unto himself, was very remarkable. On leaving the Dutchman
said to me may God bless you
& may grace go with you where
ever you go

We went along with the L^d. through the cottages for the chronic sick
where we saw one woman who was in a more dreadful state
than the Lepers. And last we were shown there the asylum
where it was evident the L^d was the kind friend of his patients.
Several women came running to him holding out their hands
for snuff. This large sick box was soon emptied amongst them
one of them got hold of T^H and gave him a shake.

In the evening we took tea at Saml Hardy the minister
Superintendent among the Wesleyans. He many years ago was
stationed at Bramley near Leeds, & since at Madras & at Western
Australia.

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Lunch with the Governor's family. Sir B. Frere

We were in a cab with pair of horses to country residence of Sir Bartle Frere the governor to have lunch. There were several ladies but no gentlemen but a young son named Ernest. The daughters all grown up are nice affable girls one or two of them fond of painting flowers & gave me a cone with leaves attached of the beautiful silver leaf tree. Lady F. talked about Joseph W. Pease & the E. Surges, Gurneys &c. Thad lately paid a visit to the Peases. There were two daughters of Sir Arthur Cunningham there, who had been 3 yrs. in the Colony; whilst the Freres have not yet been 12 mo. Their residence is called The Vineyard. Claremont & is near Newlands Station about 6 or 7 miles on the road to Wynberg whither we afterwards drove to Rathfelds Hotel to see Mr. Deach.

In the evening we took tea at Sea Point with Dr. Clarke the Dean of Cape Town whose father a hearty old man lives with him.

This the shortest day in the year (in England), we gathered strawberries in the garden of Sir Bartle Frere.

23. XII ¹ Held our own little meeting together in the morning at our lodgings in Three Anchor Bay. In the aftⁿ at Wesleyan Chapel of Mr. Hornabrook's Lent for the purpose. In the evening a meeting in Mr. Simey's drawing room.



Geo. B. Freer

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Cape of Good Hope

CARTES DE VISITE ENLARGED TO LIFE SIZE
AND FINISHED IN COLORS

24th XII This morning went to Platt Klip's or Flat Rock where a stream issuing from the side of Table M^t spreads itself over an immense flat rock - also went to the rocky ledges of Table mountain higher up about $\frac{1}{3}$ up to the dripping rocks gathered a few ferns & flowers

25th XII Mail day

26th XII I & H were awoke at 1.20 this morning & after a cup of coffee & bread & butter a double cab arrived to convey us & our friend Rutherford, young Charles Earle, & J. J. Simey with our camping out Haropes rugs & provisions to Cape Town to the top of Budekant Street, where we met our Malay guides & porters in number five. We left Three Anchor Bay at half past two, called in town at Rutherford's store & left there at 20 minutes to 4 arriving at the gorge on the Mountain to be a 2nd part; wet with perspiration & presently wetter still with mist & drizzle, which happily cleared off in 2 or 3 hours but rendered it difficult for us to light a fire for our breakfast. Three young men who had preceded us returned in despair of a fine day. We were glad we persevered & remained, for after a good breakfast we were ready to explore the table top as soon as its white misty cloth was removed & to admire the blue sea far out below & Cape Town waking up at our feet.

Table Mountain

I was very much reminded of Jas. Backhouse were
 he here. He once makes the entry in his journal
 "Made the ascent of T. 11th today - the Liza is still
 not in flower." I am disappointed at only being
 able to gather it in bud. It will be two or 3 weeks
 later before it is quite out. However I was amply
 repaid for my toil by many other rare & beautiful
 orchids & bulbous flowers in profusion, altho. they
 say the real flower season, August & September is over.
 In the ledges above near the stream where the Liza grows
 is a cave or overhanging rocks, under which we lighted
 our fire for the night, had our evening meal, & the 4th
 ch. of H. b. read by Luther from my pocket copy, ending
 with a appropriate feeling prayer for protection in our
 novel position. He talked about puff adders creeping
 to us for warmth if we moved & disturbed them daring
 at us to bit, - called this night mare. Soon there was
 a general concert but not of ~~sleep~~ music for I could not
 sleep partly from sleepiness. The knowledge that all
 around were sleeping very sound indeed. Just before
 sun rose (27th XI) one of the young Malays gave a
 good imitation of the cocks & brill. clarion in the echoing
 morn" which I repeated & presently we were having

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another heavy meal. About 8 our guides again shouldered ~~our~~ their burdens & we commenced a descent close by the left of the cave when we stand opposite looking at it, where there is a little waterfall & the stream runs over rocks & stones with steep banks & high hills on either side: but presently we crop a boggy place like a small plain & gather some beautiful sun-dew & rare flowers, skirt the side of some high peaks near an old Kraal & then gradually began to make the descent by a track leading into Camps Bay close to the Castle Berg cliff which we were two hours in descending near to the foot of the Kloof road Lion's Hill, leading towards Cape Town. Our now untidy but picturesque party of ten arrived on foot at Mr de Jongh's at 12.15 & found Isaac Shapp busy writing as usual. I soon had a warm bath & change of clothes & Mr Rutterford made himself presentable for the Bank Bouré at which he was anxious to be present. After lunch I.H. got an hour or two's nap & then went to town. I arranged my plans; have got a cold sore throat feel tired & glad of what rest I can get altho otherwise quite well. The skin peeling off my face & neck.

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28. XII For the first time I was late to breakfast this
VI morning. JH slept till lunch time when called
asked if it was not coffee time his watch had stopped
(I omitted to say in its right place ^{27. XII} that last ^{afternoon} night we
drove Knudbosch & called on Miss Cameron daughter
of James Cameron of Madagascar fame to whom I
delivered the letter forwarded me by H. E. Clark. Miss
Phillips her niece came into the room. Took tea with
Mr Osler who lives near by. The Mowbray Ladies Bible
Society was to take place at 7 in Mr Long's School room.
& the occasion of JH as Deputy in the Colony was
suggested upon for organising this meeting for the
revivifying the somewhat flagging association.
It was mentioned in the meeting as an interesting
feature that Miss Elliot who settled here was of
the same family as the Miss Elliot 15 years old who
in Sheffield & therefore some together sold bibles
& in fact became the nucleus of a bible society
& dispensed some thousands about the time of
the B.T. Bible Soc^y being in its youth & without
her knowing of its existence. Both I. S. & JH
made interesting speeches. The meeting was over
soon after tea we had to go 4 miles to Cape Town & 2 miles
to Three Anchor Bay & so being late bed after our hard

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28th XI

Days work it was likely we should be somewhat sleepy
next morning!

This evening according to promise A. gave his lecture on his
northern travels with anecdote to the young Men. Christ. Association.
Sowland lady arranged dinner at 5 o'clock so that she & all
her boarders might be able to attend. I was sorry to stay away
but feeling my cold & not wishing for a late walk home I
employed myself in writing up the past week after having
been almost compelled to read it for town public & afterwards
hearing A's own & graphic acct of a week's experiences - but
am persuaded to recommence

29th XI I & Self were writing in our rooms most of the day. In the afternoon
J. H. met the Comtee of the Ladies Bible Society where they had an earnest
meeting of real workers, who desired J. S. & J. H. to have a Bible Meeting
in the large Dutch Reformed Ch. on Sunday afternoon at 4 - all the children
of Cape Town. Mr. Holt said I have 9 children & want them all to come. They
fixed that only J. S. & J. H. should be speakers - also fixed for a another
meeting of the requisition order to be held at Winburg on 5th day next.
I walked to Somerset Hospital in the morning to make arrangements

30th XI Meeting in morning at Mr. Tineys - returned by 11 and a letter but 3
I went to the convict prison J. not feeling well at 12.30 without an
attempt to see its 500 inmates most of whom are coloured. The
chaplain Mr. Fisk offered every facility & interpreted the address
& prayer & afterwards entertained us to tea. They were told that

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Visit the Convict Prison &c

said for all & that there was salvation for all who would come to
 turn & be saved. I could not help thinking it was rather remarkable
 for two Quakers to be preaching & a clergyman of the Ch. of England
 to be interpreting for them. There were several murderers
 & house breakers & a dozen or 15 newly arrived traffickers with their bright
 black eyes & broad flat noses - who were cattle stealers.

Afterwards spent an hour in Somerset Hospital close by in talking
 by the bedsides of some of its inmates 100 in number. It is a government
 undertaking entirely originating some years ago by a private
 individual as a seamen's hospital. It forms a striking object
 from the sea as we approach the harbour. After a cup of tea
 with the Sect^y Mr Eagles & his family who are Wesleyans we went
 a 45 minutes walk to Miss Hardy's Ragged School where
 Mr Cartwright first addressed the scholars with much Christian
 feeling & force carrying home to the minds of all the scene at
 Bethlehem, where the infant Saviour was obliged to be laid in
 a manger. There being room only in the ^{except} ~~halls~~ for rich people
 teaching them to mind that their hearts were not so filled
 with worldly things that there should be no room for Christ.
 31st XII Our breakfast was given to the ministers & others this morning
 & passed off in a satisfactory manner tending to cement
 the various denominations in intercourse one with another.
 & their efforts for good of the Church of England there were 100

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Gonz, Fick, & Sir D. Tennant, - of the Dutch Reform Robertson
Morgan, Maurrais Leukhuff, - Wesleyan Thompson, Hardy
with others as Earle & White. Cameron Cartwright, Berkeley
Russel. The organist & task & time & wrote letters explaining their
inability to attend. After a short prayer from S. H. we sat down to breakfast
at 7.30 & after its conclusion S. H. read a portion of Scripture from
Isaiah followed by an address from S. H. to the point as Sir D.
Tennant & (L) White had to leave early, when we separated into
another room & talked over various topics of Christian interest
for about half an hour, when prayer was offered by ministers
to those in which we & our journey were met for others

The meeting for the young in connection with the Bible Con-
in the Dutch Ch. was good & satisfactory the room largely
attended as might have been at another less festive period

1878. Mail Day

I. I. New years day in Three Anchor Bay near Cape Town
South Africa. After our reading this morning Isaac Sharp
knelt in prayer - "The records of another year are passing away
— & in entering upon a new one in this far off land, O
Thou give us tongue and utterance for Thee & Grace to walk
wisely - Let thousands amongst whom we may go in our
journey onwards, receive good through our hands

(Dined at 5.30 with Edwin John Earle - present Prof. Marais, Mr Cartwright
his wife, Mr Berkeley Mr Leukhuff & Mr Earle & - A walk on the beach. Hymns & Prayer.

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Wynberg Bible Meeting - Mr Morgan's letter.

2. I Your day today still holiday time & more so amongst the Dutch people than at Xmas time. Lunched at old Sir Ban's by his married daughter's (widow's) request & remained till 5 pm

3. I Going about town making purchases, in our journey I got a nice copper sort of camp oven called a Malay Cake oven for 24/- . (I rode to Wynberg in a Cape cart & four horses for ~~24~~ 27/6 to Bible meeting in Wesleyan Chapel J.H. & J.S. being the principal speakers. Recd a nice note from Mr Morgan as follows (Dear Friend L & Esqr.

I hope you will say a few words at Wynberg tomorrow evening to encourage us to work for the certain glorious future of Africa. We are quite accustomed to see parched & apparently ^{barren} tracts of country burst into verdure and bloom; and we will be the better for being reminded by a Christian Botanist, that the vast moral wastes of Africa are only waiting for a similar change. The desert shall rejoice & blossom as the rose, and shall grow as the fig, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands; when his doctrine shall drop as the rain, when his speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, & as the showers upon the grass. I am yours truly

Isaac Morgan Secy to the Cape Town Ladies Bible Society

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4. I. I have most of the day making preparations & purchasing groceries for our start on our journey I have hired for 8 mules to draw the coach & 4 mules to the Scotch baggage cart

At sun-set a number of Malays on foot & in their conveyances congregated on the river to observe the rise of the first moon in the new year. We were told they were mahomedan priests & that the one who saw the new moon first will be the great man of the year. It was blowing strong wind from the S.E. with clouds of dust & as a result being out of doors very pleasant still we are given to understand we have not yet seen a real south easter, which can raise even the pebbles like bullets

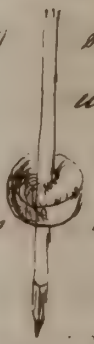
5. I. This morning Robertson called with the Scotch cart & we sometime occupied about boxes filling in it. A. C. went to town & brought me E's letters Nos 5-6 containing Xmas & New Year greeting cards. In the evening after dinner we all three called on Mr Morgan who is a post office official & talked over our expected route which he noted down and will gather as much information on it as possible for us. He has a sister married to a missionary named Maida at Belaya Hoota near Harismith. Thence we shall find it in our way to see them

6. I. At 8. in morning at Mr. James's. He prayed & then gave a long address
I. Prayer from J. H.

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5. I At noon today Venus was visible & the moon also & it is said to be by Isaac Clark 24 years since the sun moon & star were visible at one & the same time

9. I Called on Miss Lloyd who is sister to the late Dr Bleek's wife & going on with the Dr's researches into the Bushman language & Folk-tale & who has charge of Mr. Stowe's collection of copies of Bushman paintings in their cave habitations. She also shewed us a digging stick or which is nothing more than a long stick weighted with a stone with a hole through it, & a sharp buck's horn for the point. It is all made by the women & it takes them a few days to pierce the hole thro. the stone



She gave me a copy of the Cape Monthly Magazine for July 1874 edited by Prof. Noble Huddlestone by J. E. Juta of Cape Town - which contains an article entitled a Glimpse into the Mythology of the Maluti Bushmen. Seen near, Durban again at 10.15 at 12 noon today

12. I In the evening I returned in cab to Three anchor bay with sundry things for journey. Dined early at Paul Solomon's the editor of the Cape Argus. He is in body a real dwarf nothing more than his head & part of his shoulders reaching above the height of an ordinary table. He is about 60, his wife is not little by any means; I sat on her left & Isaac Sharp on her right & after a while it came out that she was educated at the Prockers at Polam & that J. S. daughter was her very particular friend at school. She is

11th Engraved Hendrick for one of our drivers

Three anchor Bay
in Cape Town South Africa
1-6-78

My beloved Friend

We have now been about
seven weeks in this land, with
little fear of resting out for want of
something to do. for days after land
brought with it fresh charities on our
thought & care - I recollect it to be
the Lord of the Harvest has endeavored
to open the way before us - & before
the hearts of not a few of his servants
to bid us God speed - & to help us
on our way - In the future Friend,
or the Friend, our fair reaches there
some details may probably appear
some of the openings for service at
home fallen to our lot - As
a member of the Committee of the
B & F Bible Society, Theodore Harris
finds a passport, by kind notes of
his office & we have thus become
acquainted with many of the good
leaves of the earth, who have given
us the right hand of fellowship as
Brethren in our dear Jesus Christ -

The weather has been so continually in our
favor - as I write the thermometer stands
at 71° and it has not often exceeded 80°
- there has been a remarkable absence
of the "South easter" - a wind known here
as the Cape Doctor - the dust flies in
clouds under its influence & large
pebbles (they say) are blown about like
hail - of this we have had but little,
nevertheless a skating rink on the
course of execution, lies, bankrupt - a
hopeless wreck - gone in a night &
probably in a few minutes - Just
as we have the South easter, so
toward the west the drought has been
excessive - many cattle have died
& human life is threatened - this
with the frontier war is very sad
for all opposed to it - The Kaffirs
are now nearly strong & armed
to a large extent - with them, for
years the idea of a Gun in possession
& manhood, has been synonymous -
- a few weeks ago, it was thought, they
were subdued - now volunteers on
lands in Burgers are assembling in
considerable force - it is feared, a
severe struggle will come before order
& peace are again in the hands -

themselves while we are hundreds of
miles from these scenes of strife &
hostility, the extent of which it is
extremely difficult to ascertain - the
Telegram of one day is superseded the
next - but little dependence can be
placed on either - They will very
soon leave Cape Town - The enclosed will
interest you as a specimen of South
African printing & also as it shows
we thought much to our friends in
Paris here - we might have stood
awhile longer in still have separated,
in haste, with a reading - there is so
much to claim our time & energy -
My - Much time has been given to
the necessary arrangements for so long
a journey as the one is prospective!
Frank, Emma, Backhouse had a week
3 months while the Wagon was being
built - we have bought a conveyance
once I formerly used in transit to the
Diamond Fields) "a Cob's Pack"
so called - but it will require 8
mules, for the roads are heavy &
uncertain & for the use of the day
over Beddies & Bays & Caution in
Banks of Rivers & Flows & Fresh
- Forage for the Mules - a cart with
other 4 mules is absolutely essential -
all this is very formidable.

test ones faith, over & over again - for
African Travel is cumbersome &
costly - The public conveniences allow but
very little luggage - they do not stop where
and with a stay, nor branch off in the
night & left to the ^{various} ~~various~~ ^{various} Stations
we have a - ~~rich~~ - we are all three
in excellent health for a start, first
to Stellenbosch thence to French (Book
Patterson) & Genadendal (Moravian)
& so on to Caledon - then to Elin
(Moravian) & so on to Swellendam &
so on & on & on to Port Elizabeth &
then Northward - Not the least re-
markable are the spontaneous offers of
introductory letters - among them from
Cap Mills, under Colonial Secretary, at
the request of David Fraser, on behalf
of her husband Don Battle Fraser, to
Magistrates & others on our route &
give free access to persons & other like
places, we may desire to visit in the
course of the journey - another mail
will be due before we start & then
only at uncertain intervals we all pro-
bably will meet, pass to & fro - The
dear friends we have left behind are
in our loving remembrance & we cherish
the refreshing belief that we too, are
often remembered for good - Thanks to the dear
wife & family for your valued contributions -
Prayers for the + + + + + - With love to
your home circle & to all my dear friends -
Ever thy affectionate Daughter

Farewell Meetings in Theatre

really charming, quite young, with two children who promise to be anything but dwarfs. The eldest a boy $2\frac{1}{2}$ yrs. old is nearly as tall as his father. Their garden shows more taste & better kept than many we have seen. He has a conservatory & a carp pond.

On the way back we called on (Dr Cameron son of the late Dr Cameron of Madagascar fame, also on (Scan Clark who was out, but saw his jolly old father who is a keen microscopist & entomologist & has a pet mantis which he keeps under a glass and feeds on flies. This mantis is the real Hottentot one so nicknamed. Engaged C. Henry Ladroff as interpreter.

We also called on Mr. Bam the member of parliament & auctioneer who has some fine little children and the eldest girl a real bonny one.

13. I As previously advertised the two meetings for divine worship were held in the theatre Cape Town this morning & evening. The Gospel freely proclaimed. A moderate gathering in the morning & a large one in the evening. (We dined with Jas. Sims.) Let your light so shine before men.

14. I Busy in town looking up the various workmen who had to do the last touches to our coach & harness. The saddler telling me the latter would not be ready until 2 or 3 hours, but I waited till he did it in

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Leave Cape Town

less than 20 minutes I then went to the Coach builder
I hurried him on telling him I was going to stop with
him until he sent me off in the coach - no one seemed
to work unless I kept him up to the mark - at last
I had the satisfaction of seeing all ready & rode off
amidst the cheers of 200 Spectators assembled on
both sides of the street & at the shops & windows
All 12 mules are in splendid condition & full well
^{16. I}_{IV} Having stowed our luggage into the spring
cart & various places in & outside the coach we
finally left our boarding house at Three Anchor
Bay at eleven o'clock this morning - made a little
stay in Cape Town calling at Rutherfords Store for
3 iron buckets &c - having drawn up in the Market place
which gave opportunity for a crowd to assemble
& pass their various comments on our turn out
which were partly approved, & partly condemned
by some old experienced Cape travellers who think
that a Cobbs coach is more liable to an upset than
their Cape wagons from want of room for the fore
wheels in making a sharp turn - they have to touch
the side of the vehicle instead of going under it

Called at W^m Thompson's house on the road who got in
& accompanied us with Jas. Simey as far as Knies



18TH
CENTURY

Stellenbosch & the Neethlings Party

river Hotel & Railway Station. We left his house at 12.30
& outspanned & lunched at Knips river Hotel. I & J & H went
on by rail to Stellenbosch to keep an appointment with
the Neethlings & I staid with the vehicles reaching
our friends the Neethlings at 6.15 who had invited a large
party to meet us chiefly professors from the Theological
Seminary & ladies from the Bloemhoff Seminary
we had a splendid feast of fruits peaches strawberries
grapes fig &c & a delightful evening. Miss Murray
who lives with her brother at Graaf Reinet was there on
a visit & she & one or two of the teachers are fond to many
entomology & geology. Forage for all the mules $15\frac{5}{6}$
being cheaper than in Cape town where it costs $3\frac{7}{6}$
a day for each mule or $20\frac{1}{2}$ a day for the whole twelve
17. I Left* Stellenbosch at 9.45 arriving at Oniel at 11.45
which is 2000 ft above the sea-level & surrounded by hills
Lunched with J & Stegman & family leaving them
at 3.15 for Frenchhoek which we reached at 5.15
I found Mr. Kreeger who was to entertain us, away
for a week, never having got our letter however a
hospitable farmer on being informed of the fact gave
us our meals & offered us sleeping quarters but we
thot. it well to use our own tents & the coach We had
* After breakfast J. S. read, & H. gave for a blessing on all the family & their households

French-hoek Kloof

an interesting time with the family both religiously & socially. His name was Jacobus Johannis Hugo. This father's ^{great grandfather} (now 86) was one of the original French Huguenot refugees who first went to Holland & were planted in this out of the way mountainous district by the (Dutch). They had a young lady visitor who was at the Seminary at Wellington when we visited it & so was a sort of introduction to us as well as Radloff our interpreter who with J.H. called on two or three elders of the Church & at once had the bell rung as a signal that in an hour after, ~~it was~~ when it was being again, a meeting with the people w^d. be held & thus about 70 of the surrounding farmers were quickly got together.

French-hoek lies at the foot of the mountain pass called French-hoek Kloof that we know what a road we should have had to go over would have saved our mules the toil, & three oxen. In its highest parts the road is 4000 ft. above the sea. I left our kind entertainers after breakfasting with them & holding a reading & little meeting with them in the large square hall, at 9.30 for Villiersdorp. After a short mile of level we walked all the



way over the grand mountain road surrounded
 on all sides with high peaks, craggy summits,
 steep precipices truly imposing, with banks
 rocky clefts clad with ferns flowers & everlasting
 of various tints & ^{leaves} of great beauty. Two
 weeks ago a tiger ^{leopard} was killed here - Outspanned
 at the top 4000 ft high & tho we had come but a few
 miles our willing mules had well earned their
 rest. After our lunch I explored the ravine sides
 for botanical treasures & put them between papers
 as we sat in the coach travelling along. At 7 o'clock
 we drew up before the Predicant's house F. L. Caches
 who aware of our intended visit came out saying, welcome
 to Villiersdorf & a warm welcome he gave us. He is a
 Jew by birth, now a Christian, married a Friend sister of
 Cape Pinn, & a minister of the (Dutch Reformed Ch. He works
 hard as minister physician & surgeon of the village - is a
 keen naturalist & showed me a good £60 microscope
 a present from a rich gentleman who had after some
 persuasion at last induced him to go & preach in this
 place where it was customary to give the minister
 "travelling money" in an envelope And when he came
 to open this envelope was surprised to find this large
 sum & going to him said - why have you done this?

Villiersdorf

Caschet had with him from going to preach there thinking the man only wanted to patronise him. He gave me a ^{gartery snake} ~~might~~ adder in spirits, & shell of a land turtle or tortoise & mixed up several medicines for us. Looking at my eyes which were a little inflamed from the dust he said you must take care of them & apply this colerium to them to keep them cool, which seems to be weak Sulph. Lime & a drop or two of belladonna in an oz. bottle to distend the pupils which he said were becoming contracted partly by the heat & glare & the dust. He attended to J. Sharps ear & said he must not attempt to stop the little places of discharging matter or worse things might befall in consequence as there was such a connexion between the ears the eyes & the brain, & this outlet kept them healthy. He has only one child an affectionate girl of 15 who gave me some very pretty little pink everlasting flowers which only grow on the highest hills between French-hock & Villiersdorf. J. & S. had their spare bedroom J. H. had the parlor with his own bed arrangements and Radloff found quarters with an acquaintance near which I slept in the coach. Its two drivers on the top under the waterproof cover of the luggage. A little darkey girl bot me a cup of coffee out early in the morning at

Cackes said your visit is at a time when I was needing spiritual refreshment, for I was feeling as though the devil & his angels were let loose upon me. Your visit is to me as medicine to both soul & body.

I was dressing & washing in the coach -

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19th
VII

I. Leaches had called his people together this morning at 9.30 for a meeting & being loth to part with us sent our heavy vehicles on ahead of us as far as the Londerene river, there to outspan & rest the mules until we overtake them in two light Cape carts which having no heavy heavy baggage can run comparatively quick over the ground. There we parted company with him, he thinking that our farewell wd not be for the last time, but that he might sometime see us in England, as he had a great desire for a trip to Syria & the Holy-Land so taking Europe on his way back to Africa. We left his house at 1.20 & in an hour came up to our coach & men on the opposite side of the river which is not formidable now, but in winter time (it is now midsummer) is often very dangerous & sometimes impassable. It winds along the foot of the Londerene (enaleps) mountains whose rugged sides we traverse all the way to Gmadendal until 7.30 in the evening having made a push in order to reach it thus early. Gmadendal is quite a village of the Moravian missions & when all told numbers 3000 souls. There are 9 missionaries & their families & with the exception of a few farmers of the district & a constable the rest are the prevailing race of bastards (Hottentots & Africans).

Genadendal

20. I This was the Moravians Communion Sunday for which
^I they met at 9 in the morning & the real service commencing
 at 10 they readily gave up to I. S. & J. H. with Radloff opening
 the way with hymn & Scripture in Dutch & introductory
 remarks explanatory of Friends mode of worship. There
 were fully 500 of the impure race & a few real whites all
 of whom listened attentively to the earnest addresses given

21. I A Bible meeting was arranged with scarcely any
^{II} notice more than the ringing of the bell for 6 o'clock
 this morning. The Missionaries said we might possibly
 get 150 together, but to their surprise & ours there were
 between 400 & 500 present perhaps 200 men & near 300
 women who were evidently interested in the accounts
 given them & three or four at the close came with money
 in their hands to buy a Testament. Our coach was drawn
 up in the open space or shaded square by the roadside,
 while we were standing, talking with the presiding
 missionary. Heltasch a couple of women invited our
 attendance at it for already a group of about 100
 men women & children were encircling it & singing
 in a most touching manner a hymn of thanks
 for our visit & prayer for the Grace of God to be with us &
 go with us on our journey. At its conclusion we shook

hands with all around as they kept pressing towards us with little speeches & desires for our welfare & blessing from above. How thankful they were for the interest shewn on their behalf it was truly heart-stirring & I could almost have shed a tear. We were summoned from this scene to breakfast, & had not been long as it when hark! the sound of voices singing again, comes from outside the dining room door & the missionaries with good humour had to tell them that they must leave us to get our breakfast in peace for he interpreted to us that there was another lot a bevy of dark eyed damsels desirous of testifying their appreciation of our visit by a final shake of the hand as we sat at breakfast. They have various schools & 10 Theological pupils whom I.H. lectured on the Bible manuscripts, having previously shewn his diagrams to the missionaries & their wives. Eliael was formerly a Jesuit & Mr. Eades of Caledon says. He is also somewhat of a naturalist & gave me two kinds of small tortoise shells one of them more curiously & geometrically marked than I have seen before which is found in the neighbourhood of Genadeudal. I.H. gave them £5 for their new school building - They made no charge for our own & much entertainment but I.H.

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II

Berea

as hintee that he might made them a proportional present for the establishment

Gendendal is the oldest mission in S.A. We were shown the old pear tree or shoot from it that was first planted on its formation. Also the Bible of old Ellen the Hottentot woman who preserved it & read it when Schimidt was obliged to leave, so that when the missionaries subsequently returned ^{in '792} they found some seed alive & that their former labours had not been in vain. We sent our own vehicles on ahead to the Middle platt this side the Tonderend river, there to outspan & wait our arrival, & the missionaries drove us to Berea a small village half an hour back on the road we had previously come where they have an off shoot establishment & their superintendent Mr Bauer lives, an energetic & good man & who soon said he had heard I was fond of natural history & botany, was also fond of shells he had a collection I would show me it - which he not only did but gave me one or two of each kind including a little paper nautilus from the sea coast near to Elin, where they are washed ashore. They say once in from 5 to 7 years. Mr Bauer also

accompanied the others to our out-sparring place after
 he & his wife had hospitably entertained us to lunch
 & there we had quite a leave taking indeed our
 journey seems made of up of friendships formed
 & leave takings of those we have learned to esteem
 & love. Our drivers told us a farmer had passed by
 them who had been at the meeting on First day & left
 a message for us to call at his house when we
 passed by which we did & partook of the customary
 cup of coffee His name is ^{Wiljeans} ~~Wiljeans~~ The has a son
 studying at St Bartholomews hospital for a doctor
 We reached Caledon at 5.30 where we were expected
 by P. H. de Vos of the Dutch Refm who had called
 his people together for 7.30 in his neat & new church
 with a fine fire sitting in a pew himself & entirely
 giving up the meeting & congregation to J.S. & T.H.
 Caledon, Mr Boyes the Civil Commissioner says has
 a population of 1200 & is equally divided in numbers
 between whites & blacks. We were taken to the court
 house & neat little jail with 9 prisoners in it all
 dark skinned who J.S. addressed with the text "the
 way of transgressors is hard & exhorted them to turn
 their hearts to Christ one man was soon in tears

73
Godini, (Daniel Wega Vineyard

A bible meeting was held in the old Dutch Ch. Mr Boyes Civil Comm^r in the Chair about 300 present & 20/- collected. I stayed at home to write home & finish journal. (Mother of Pearl Ear these fruit for dinner very good)

23. I Left Caledon at 11.45, outspanned at Godini for Liffie & at 6.45 pm. reached the fine farm of Daniel Wega (Wega) (a relation of Mrs de Vos) (Fop) where we had good entertainment in the house. J. H. your interpreter Radloff sleeping there, but I th^t myself preferred pitching out on kents near by. We were not long in making our acquaintance with his extensive vineyard & only left it when it was too dark to see the fruit but being summoned to supper had our fill of grapes there indeed I don't want much at meal times when I have my full fling at grapes & having been three days without them was feeling I actually required them to keep me in good health that strikes me very forcibly in riding over these great wide tracts of country with nothing but half dead grape eaten to the bare ground the miserable rheinoos bush on which the sheep & cattle are obliged to nibble & starve, that the Australian Salt Scrub bush must be a much better substitute, I have an intention of trying it if I can get some seed. I mentioned it to our host Daniel Wega Good Hope Farm Paardenberg Post Office, who said he wd like to try it. After supper the bible was handed to Sharp who ended the

silence with prayer & thanksgiving for the merciful provision extended over us from day to day & from hour to hour & a blessing on ^{the} household upon whom we were quartered.

24. I Up before 5 & Mrs. Neja's son brot. us a cup of coffee & brought to our tents. We were ready to leave at 7.30 when they brot us a loaf of bread, a bottle of milk & not much short of a bushel of grapes. Proceeded on hour & half on our journey then outspanned for breakfast & at two o'clock reached Elim one of the most successful of the Moravian mission stations a village of about 1500 coloured persons in the middle of a tract of 6000 morgens, as far as the eye can reach the land belong to them. It supports 5000 sheep 3000 of which belong to the people & 2000 to the mission establishment. There is a good garden with some of the finest oranges of the colony which are sold on the spot at 2/6 per 100 & usually they sell £40 ^{unprofitable} per ann. in this way to people from a distance

At 3.30 we had coffee at the united table, there being four missionaries their families & when J. Sharp read a portion of scripture & extended to them the word of love counsel & exhortation which was well received. At the invitation of one of them named Herkel I took a walk with him this little son calling on the school master a

coloured man who has held the post for 25 years, & then went into the plantation where are nests containing a cart load of sticks, of the 'hammer bird'  so named from the shape of the head, & said to be peculiar to S. Africa. He took me into his house & showed me a box full of paper nautilus from the neighbouring coast & gave me five of various sizes which I have tried to pack carefully in the crown of my hat box. Meeting was fixed for eight o'clock & there w^{as} be about 300 present over whom a solemn feeling seemed to be spread, which was more than a mere outward silence. We had supper before going in, so did not expect anything on coming out of the Ch., but were invited to a glass of eau sucre flavoured with citron from the orchard. & over which J.S. gave them some interesting accounts of the Esquimo &c.

25. I ^{VI} A Bible meeting at 6 A.M. which was made partly a religious opportunity & on coming out they arranged themselves around our door & sang a hymn of blessing at the conclusion of which we were summoned to breakfast. As usual they sang their grace both before & after, but J.S. read from the Testament & gave an address & prayer after which we went to see over the schools, which J.H. questioned in Scripture & elicited a very perfect knowledge

A Brass Band & Hymns

in proportion to their age. The children of the missionaries were being taught in the same classes. We had a warm & heartfelt farewell from our friends as though we were endeared to them by a lengthened acquaintance & not a few prayers of "God be with you" & the children, turned out of the school, joined by the older inhabitants, sang a parting hymn of blessing as we were about to step into our coach. They were thanked thro our interpreter, who gave a little address on his own acc. We took our seats - but here was another scene, the brass band ~~arrived~~ came up and arranged themselves in order & we were motioned not to drive on yet by a smile from brother Kunik, & we sat thus some minutes listening to the solemn strains of this unusual christian salute to members of the Society of Friends or indeed to any others. At its close I Sharp asked all the assembly to gather together at one side of the coach as he wished to say a few words to them & told them of a similar farewell he had received from the Eskimo many years ago which he well remembered; so that it was likely he should not soon forget theirs & should often think of them when far away &c. We finally drove off at 10.30 & reached Breadesdorp at 3.30 where we stayed for 1½ hours. I called with Radloff

on the Dutch Rep^l Minister who does not seem to be a very spiritual minded man, while J. V. Th. called on the Civil Commissioner who was absent from home & afterwards at the jail where had out one prisoner a woman in it the men being away at court work, & also on the Independent minister who being paralyzed was unable to resign his post. This same congregation unable to keep him, so that he was in a state of destitution & J. Th. made him a present which touched him visibly. At 6.30 we reached Kaarst River and encamped near a farm a little off the right road ^{Rheinoster Farms} & had to get our tents pitched in the dusk & light our fire & do our supper & tea cooking after dark by the blaze of the rheinoster bush & a lantern. Kadloff had a service with the farmers family, who said he would see that he had the call to Bredaerdorp when the present minister quitted.

26. I. those at 4.30 gathered some beautiful lilies with a peculiar sweet scent & started at 7.30 for Swellendam outspanned twice for an hour & reached the Brede River machine ferry near Swellendam at 10.30 which took us over coach & mules together. The outspanning gave them drink. H. & J. Th. got a catfish in the river, Kadloff went on in the cart to announce our coming & make preparations, & I examined the overhanging banks

and gathered two kinds of adiantum. We drove quickly on & reached town in the dark at eight o'clock putting up at the only boarding house in the place, Eksteen's & were greeted by John Ashby from Croydon, a friend, who has been ten years here & fifteen in the Colony. Also by our friend Wm Murray of Worcester who was engaged to preach on the morrow morning. Their large R.R. tk being without a regular minister they informed us that good notice had been given of a public meeting in the evening.

Swellendam is principally composed of one street something like the Paarl two or three miles long with oak trees on either side, but it is not so well supplied with water. For some miles before reaching Swellendam & in all its neighbourhood we noticed on its bare hill & road sides a different aloë ^{from} that we had seen before growing about the height of a man, the old leaves decaying & hanging down the stem leaving the top with its new ones all stiff & extended & in the distance reminding one of the appearance of Kaffirs ^{as} which growing as they do in little groups then make a addition, mis. ation. It has prickles on the surface of its leaves. In the Brede R. & a lake we passed a few hours before it there is a sort of flying-fish called Springers said not to



99 Meeting At Swellendam.

Benker Interpreter for Gurney & Elizabeth

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take a bait I must be caught with a net. The Trollope in his recent acct. says it will take an ant

27th I held our meeting together in our bed room. Ashby joining us Thadiff going to Ch. as we had set him at liberty for the morning. There were about 300 at the evening meeting. Mr Murray having offered to act as interpreter also opened the proceedings with the scriptures & short prayer & gave an explanation of our mode of service which was broken by a prayer from J. H. for divine assistance during the meeting. J. H. followed with a fervent & stirring address using the quotation are there few that be saved, & no one ever turned to the Lord in vain but received the help they sought. It was a solemnizing time the spoke with more power & feeling than I have observed before. It followed & J. H. concluded with prayer. Mr Murray offered J. H. his arm to our lodgings.

28th I By arrangement Mr M. came to breakfast with us at 7.30 this morning, after which we adjourned to our bed room & read a portion of scripture which was followed by prayer from all five.

We had a call from a gentleman of Berlin who informed us that he had acted as interpreter for J. H. Gurney & Elizabeth & that when they turned away from the ministers who had acted for them & who were

Thermometer 90° in shade

Laurbrack

afraid to speak plainly & give the correct rendering before the crowned heads their sovereign; whilst he gave it word for word.

We are now in a district & going more & more into it which may truly be described as a dry & thirsty land where no water is & all the various sects have agreed together for a day of prayer for the 7th Feb. for rain & that the frontier war may be stayed (lined with whisky who is in the employ of Barry Bros Merchants in Swellendam, Laurbrack, & Riversdale have the control of the trade in these parts. Bible Meeting in the evening.

29. I A.S. & J.H. called together on Robertson agent for the Standard bank & drew a bill on Chas Hoyaland for £125 & intend doing so monthly for some time. I took a walk on the hill & gathered a few ferns. We dined at one & drove off at 2 p.m. & soon reached the Buffelgas River toll bridge where we were charged 2/- for both vehicles & ~~in about half an hour reached the fork in the road, the one to the right being our road to Laurbrack, but we took on just the one to the left & in ten minutes came to Southey, the other~~ ordered. I reached Laurbrack at 4.30 which as well as Swellendam lies at the foot of the Langer Berg or Long range of mountains. Mr Pauw a Dutchman by birth welcomed us & a meeting was held in his (A.R. Ch) about 300 being present. We had a little time to spare before it & I crossed the almost dried up bed of the river & on its banks gathered a few ferns.

Southey's Pass = Ladouw. Heidelberg

30. I ^{IV} Left Turbark at 6 A.M. in 30 minutes reached a fork in the road, our proper path being to the right but we left our men to outspan & went on foot by the left road, which is in the direction of Ladysmith. In 10 minutes came to the Southey's Arms Hotel where we ordered breakfast to be ready on our return, & walked on for half an hour to the Convict Station at Ladouw in the hope of that Hottentot name tho. it has been tried to be altered into Southey's Pass. There are 60 men employed at road & bridge making, who were drawn up in rows in the inner quadrangle & after we had walked past them & inspected the apartments, cells, the hospital S.S.T.H. addressed them. They were mostly coloured, but our attention was called to a gentlemanly looking man who proved to be a few named J. F. Friend, of Leeds was committed for forgery. Thirteen of them were in heavy chains. We had a good breakfast at the Inn which we enjoyed after our stiff walk, & came back to the coach at 9.30. Reached Heidelberg at 1.30 & dined with Mrs (Danièle) who cheerfully entertained us to dinner in the absence of her husband the D.R. Minister of the place who she said would be very disappointed at our not holding any meeting in their place. They had been informed

from Cape Town that we were travelling at our own expense
 & so they had offered to give us ourselves food & lodging; &
 Mr Barry offered to do the same for our 12 mules, & with
 oats & barley ranging from 2/- to 2 7/16 the 3 bushel bag.
 Small sheaves of oats for forage, ^{4 1/2 1/6 each} this is no small matter
 as we daily find in going from place to place.

We left Heidelberg four kind hosts at 4~~00~~, arriving at the
 hotel in Riversdale at 8 p.m. too late for any meeting but
 had one fixed for 9 in the morning after the old gentleman
 was satisfied with our credentials.

31. I. Not a large meeting but a good one addressed by A.S.,
 & also by T.H. on Justification & Sanctification. We drove
 off at 11.10 a knot of ministers assembled at the coach
 to say farewell. The episcopalian amongst them. Outspanned
 at 2.30 until 4 p.m. by a dried up pond & at 8 p.m. reached
 the dried up bed of the large river Gouritz & took beds at the
 hotel but found our own canteen useful. Forage 1/3 the bundle
 which we thought cheap after paying 1/6 at the last place whilst
 in Cape Town it was 6/- & in Stellenbosch 5/-

1. II. Left Gouritz river at 7.20 a.m. spanned out at 10.45 -
 & drove the mules to a small pond near a farm to drink.
 when a man came out & demanded 2/6 for the privilege:
 two bullock wagons were camped out near us, one of which

Mossel Bay

contained a lady & her family who informed us they had been charged 3/- for their 14 oxen. She sent one of her smiling, black maids with a quantity of biscuits raised with meat. We sent her back with one of our two remaining water melons. We arrived in Mossel Bay about two o'clock. Mr Aurack the D & R minister conducted us to the Standard Hotel where ~~there~~ ^{there} white English waiters, indeed we are told all people speak English in Mossel Bay. He called on Mr Mant our fellow passenger in the (2) emerald C. Meeting at 7 opened by reading 17th of John. The Episcopalian minister Taylor was present. We had supper with the Auracks & J. Sharp read the 91st Psalm & addressed them.

2. II ^{VII} Visited the Goal at 7 A.M. looked over than a meeting with its 9 men & 2 women prisoners first reading to them by Radloff the 1st Psalm. Breakfast at 8 & were all ready harnessed for starting, at 9 by 11 o'clock we reached the Big Brack river over which a strong pont is at work took our vehicles without unharnessing one at once & charged us 1/11 At 12.10 reached the bridge over the little Brack river where Series Farm or hotel is situated that man & eggs for coffee. They had 25 ostriches 2 yrs. old & 20, 3 mos old driven to drink by a boy with a long whip. They

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went into the water until their bosoms were on its level & then thrust their heads forward, as though shoveling it into their mouths, two or three dart forward at a time, & then raised up their heads & allow it to run down their long necks & throats.

We reached George Town at 5.45 where I & I had quarters with the (A. R. minister J. F. C. Muller who married a sister of Prof. Hoffmeyer's wife & George Murray married another. We passed through Blanco just about 3 miles before reaching here which is the point in the road commencing the way thro. Montagu's Pass to Oukhoom. George being off the Mail road, our letters being in a large parcel were in the Blanco post office where we passed & did not know of it until reaching George when we sent a cart boy for them. I had no letter, but the B. F.

3. II Attended after due consideration service in Mr Muller's Ch. in the morning. Visited the Sunday School in the afternoon & in the evening was pretty much I. S. & I. H.'s meeting.

4. II Visiting the only two prisoners in the goal, who are Fingoes confined for sheep stealing, - in breakfast. After to the various schools both Episcopalian along with the minister Mr Taylor, & (A. R. along with Mr Muller. Took a peep at the Ootrich feather market where the

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George Town Ostrich Feather Market

prices ranged from £9 up to £46 per pound weight
& from 6^d up to £2.10-0 per ounce. They were sorted
in colors & sizes. In afternoon drove over in two
Cape Cars to Paccallisdorp just about a half hours
ride. *Atkinson the missionary is an old man and
when living at Phillipholis remembered well en-
tertaining Asa. Backhouse & E. H. Walker. His wife ^{first}
is dead but he has a daughter living with him & a
another married to Mr. Aurack of Mopsel Tony Stone
and Dr. Ritchie of the Pearl would have it that I
was a relation if only from the resemblance. I asked
the name of a skin thrown over the back of a chair &
was informed it was a musk cat when we had taken
our seats in the cart a messenger came to ask me if I
should like to have it and another mentioning this
at the Swimmer ~~man~~ this evening where we arrived
in time for tea they asked me if I had seen the Angora
goat skin & producing a beautifully glossy white one
hoping I would have it were so kind as to say they were
very glad I got my first from them at George. As our
host wife is absent & they two sisters live only across
the way they have daily sent us good things at our
meal times. They keep a good boarding school.

He was in Malagascan & I suspect by now when I could only have been cured by his leaving but we have stayed.
As he said, I consider 40 years have been added to my life by that cruel edict of the Sultan, banishing the missionaries
which caused me to go where my adversary got cured

Montagu Pass Stephen Rovenhymers

Bible Meeting in the evening Mr. Fackel with whom we dined took the chair being asked to do so on acct. of his position of civil Commissioner. Arch deacon Fogg would have been present but for a series of slight accidents. Coachman getting drunk having to drive himself home &

5. II. Left George Town at 10.45 going over Montagu Pass the road leading along dizzy heights & grand mountain sides & cost the sum of £135.000 to make. at 1.30 hrs 3 we outspanned near to the hotel at the exit of the pass. Hendrick driving on a head if driving while asleep quite heedless than we wanted to stop him. We arrived at Stephen Rovenhymers Farm at Doorn River about 4.45 soon after getting completely out of the mountain ranges to an open expanse which is the half way distance between George and Oudtshoorn. He calls himself a poor farmer perhaps because he has only been here 10 years & is still expending money on buildings & dams but there is no doubt from appearances he is on the way to being rich. The place abounds with deer & wild ostriches which they take from the nest bring up in this way getting a large number every year, a neighbouring farmer got last year between 200 & 300. At night a meeting with 25 of his men & their families in a large barn or wagon house.

6. II. On leaving farmer Rovenhymers this morning at eleven

Cudshorn The Drought

Asking him how much we owed him for our mules forage he replied I have received from you more than that comes to I wish I could have given you better accommodation. We outspanned at the first water we came to at the hole in the dried up river's bed near a farm called Klein's Port and reached Cudshorn about five in the evening where we called on the Congregational minister Anderson to whom we had been recommended who at once offered us the hospitality of his house. He has his second wife & has had 22 children many ^{children} both young & old still living. Whilst we were having a cup of tea the D.R. minister ^{Van de Riethe} called to enquire after us & we afterwards called on him & the Episcopalian minister. The Civil Commissioner in the evening had by previous arrangement a meeting with the congregation of our host which is mostly coloured & some of them deacons with whom we shook hands.

7. II - This is the day set apart by consent of all parties as a day of humiliation & prayer for rain, want of which is causing a famine in some parts & has ruined some farmers by the death of their cattle, many thousands of sheep & others having died in this district & the mealy crop is ruined even if rain should now come. We attended the special service in the D.R.Ch. this morning a mile th at the other end of this municipal village.

Oudtshoorn. Fruits meet for repentance. Bible Society Meeting 108

When at its conclusion opportunity was given for J.S. to address the 500 assembled & to offer vocal prayer on the same subject Mr Anderson at the dinner table remarked if I live 22 years longer, my father & myself will have worked for the Lord 100 years in S. Africa I was born amongst the Griqua, where he was labouring amongst them & when I came here the first sermon I preached amongst them, was from the text, 'bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance' that was my surprise next Sunday at being overwhelmed with presents of fruits from every one, they have continued since then to bring me frequent supplies & especially when I have company staying with me. Yes my people are very good to me, it was the two ^{colored} deacons that wanted to shake hands with you last night that brought these fine horn a punta grapes the damask plums & the peaches.

They have wheat to grind but no water to turn the mill, so have to bring flour from Cape Town by way of Mossel Bay which is abt. 70 miles from here & costs carriers charges 3/- per 100 lbs.

Oudtshoorn has only had a village about five years and the land at first costing £5 is now worth £500 per acre.

A Bible Meeting has been given out for the evening at 6 to which I was pressed as a speaker & read Mr Morgan's letter. J.H. said I was quite eloquent & J.S. said yes we must not turn him out. We have here read the Mossel Bay advertisement which contains a couple of very favourable paragraphs on our visit here.

Leave Oudstroom for Carlitzdorf

8. II

8. II ^{VI} Left Oudstroom from our host's house, one of the Miss Andersons that we call the jolly one, brot. us a basket full of grapes to eat on the way. She is engaged as governess at a farm half an hour away. We intended to have left early but did not get off until 8 we passed through some real Karroo, rocky, stony, conglomerate, dry barren level country surrounded by mountains grown only the black shrub, myrsine, anthemus, butter wood aloes or cactuses, with here & there on the better parts near a now dried up stream, a location for a farm. The heat is greater further north at this side the mountains as we were told it would be but so far have not noticed it higher than $93\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ in the shade of our coach with a current of air passing quickly thro. it as we drive along. Whilst now & then there comes a feeling like a breath of wind from an oven, & it is a really scorching heat stepping outside the coach on the road side & still more so if there are as frequently happens, high rocks close by reflecting the suns rays. In this way we reached Carlitzdorf (Carlitzdorf) at 5.15 in the evening, & came to the house of the (A. R. minister who is a young man with two children & is the youngest of the Barry Brothers of Swellendam &c.

Rev. Barry. Leopard skin Carlitzdorf

g. II
 I am left here at Carlitzdorf, with our friends the Barrys for two or three days, whilst J.S. & J.H. with the interpreter & Hendrick to drive them have gone in a coffee cart to Ladysmill over a mountain pass with no bad a road for our coach & where they will have to walk at least two hours of the distance. I have written to Edward Scull & Rufus King giving a short outline of our proceedings at J.S. request. In the evening towards 5 o'clock when it was cool enough I took a walk with R. Barry. He pointed out an ostrich sitting on a nest of 9 eggs & mentioned the fact of the male bird which was then sitting taking this office chiefly to himself coming off the nest at eight o'clock in the morning until 12 at noon during which the female sits & stalks around the rest of the time as she was doing now. On our return we went into his study he gave me his chair with a fine "tiger" skin thrown over it the tail of which I took into my hand to play with when he said are you making a collection of skins. Mr. Killiny you may have that one if you like as a remembrance of Carlitzdorf. ^{at the time we have spent together} I protested I did not want to rob him of it but was made quite welcome. he said he had one that the moths got to & spoiled; there is another fine one as a mat in the room where I am now writing. They feel she

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Carlitzdorf. dirty native huts

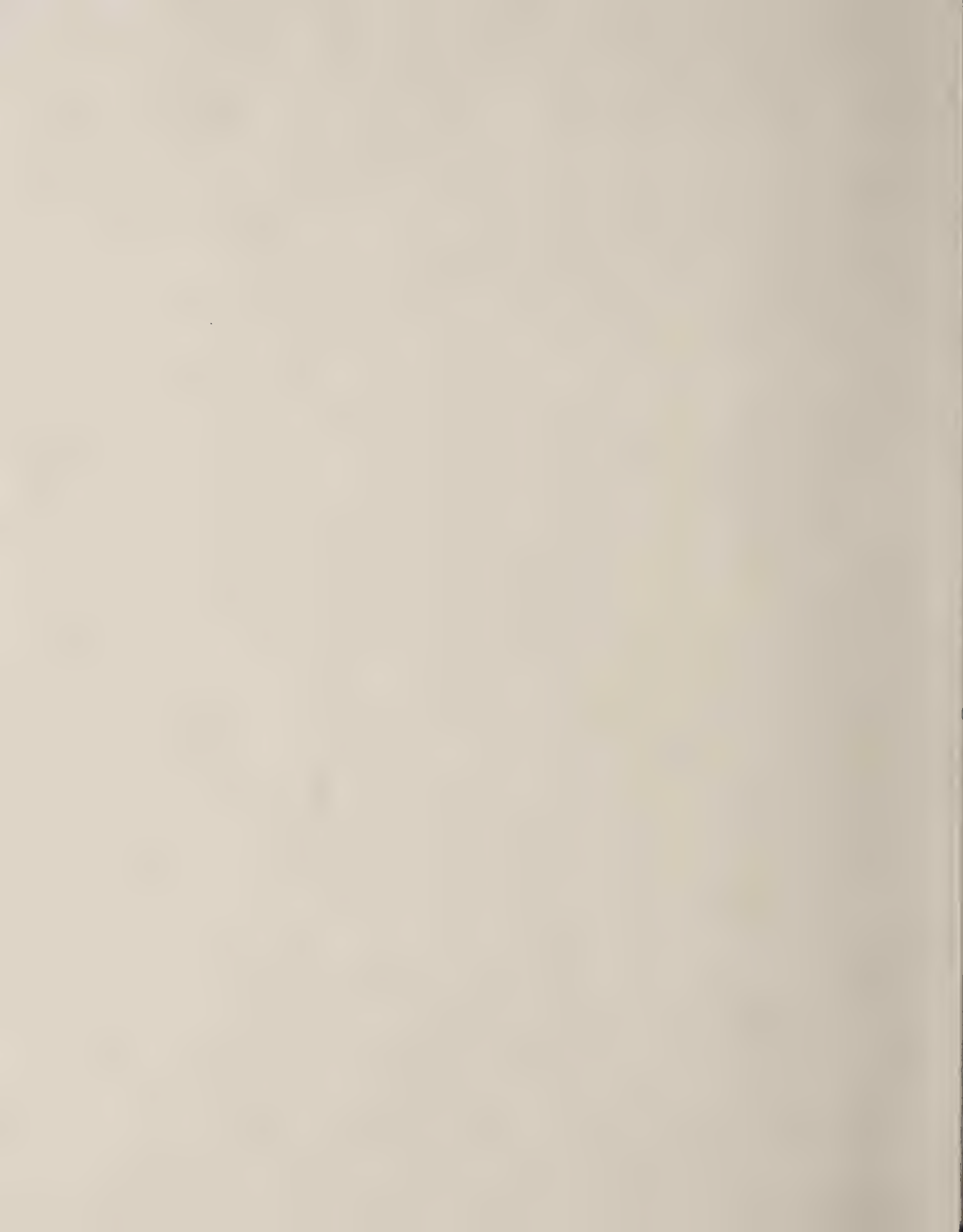
want of society. there being only the schoolmaster
possessing any amount of education in the district
but have a good library costing between 200 and
£300 The schoolmaster's name is Conradie & has
his head bandaged up still feeling the effects of an
accident from a wagon

10. II This morning I attended the service which of course
^I was all in (Dutch & the congregation white who will not
have the colored people in their building from their dirty
habits & the bad smell they leave behind for some time
after the room has been empty. I walked past one of the
reed huts for some time before I got to it & all around
the air was much worse than from a pig sty or any
number of dog kennels At first when Mr Barry came
here he wanted the white & black to unite in one con-
gregation but his deacons informed him he would give
general offence if he persisted. He is now convinced
that it is hardly the thing until they have become
more cleanly.

In the afternoon I addressed the Sunday school children
about 40 & questioned them on various topics of
scripture Mr Barry acting as interpreter. I supposed
I was going only to take a class; but found the whole



The Rev. J. H.
of



Hot water near Carlitz dorp. Oliphant's River.
Bushman's Digging Stick stone

School was given up to me I got on better than expected
11. II We that is Richard (van Keenen) Barry his eldest
son Tommy & my self went an hour Thak's drive this
morning to where the hot water bubbles up from the bed
of the Oliphant's river after the manner of St. Vrain
Vley near Worcester. The bed of the river otherwise is now
dry & we sat & eat our breakfast of sandwiches and
grapes watching the hot water bubble up. On our return
the sun was risen hot & scorching & the wind blew as from
an oven with occasional clouds of dust & sand. The
thermometer at 12 stood at 98° & at two was at 101° & perhaps
higher. The clouds were gather as for a thunder storm &
at 3 it came down heavy rain for half an hour. The first
they have had here for 3 or 4 months past & there were
slight showers during the evening.

12. II To Barry took me to call on several of his parishones
this morning but only one a store keeper understood any
English. One of them gave me a Bushman's round stone
with a hole through it used to weight the "digging stick"
which he said they only used for digging into or breaking
up the large & hard ant hills to get at their eggs. That they
never did any digging for cultivation. They use bows
& arrows poisoned & lived chiefly by stealing. There

used to be a tract of them round here in the mountain 100 years ago but they were so intolerable from their killing & thieving propensities that the farmers organized a party after a night rain when their bow strings were useless & massacred them all but one woman.

J. P. & J. H. returned to Calitzdorp about 5.30 & Bible Society Meeting, previously arranged for 7 was well attended by about 200 considering there are only 500 inhabitants in the district & about 200 Church Members. Mr Barry in the chair, & a Lutheran minister one of the speakers.

^{13. II}
^{IV} Mr Simon one of the farmers we called on sent me early this morning the skin of a "bush cat" & young panther & another cat resembling a light tabby. Left Calitzdorp at 8 & reached Du Toit's farm on Vler River at 11.30 staying until 4 dining with them & then reading & a meeting with about 20 of his people. He has 60 living on his farm. Arriving in Cudshorn again at Mr Andersons at 7.20.

The thermometer the greater part of the day stood at 90° in the shade of our coach cooled by the draught of our motion & felt much hotter near our outspanning place or in a valley.

^{14. II} Again left Mr Andersons at Cudshorn, at 7.20. Outspanned twice. Passed our friend Koenigsmeyer's farm a mile to our right, entered the Long Kloof by

Kaffir's Dam

South Africa 4.25
78

18 miles south of Hope Town

Lat about 30° Longitude 24° en route for
Kumman -

My dear Friend

Harrison journey

Here we are laughing
Hitching & I at a road side farm, maybears
for the night - we have no objection to an
outspace in the open & rather enjoy the
freedom of it, but South African nights are
chill as the winter approaches, especially at an
elevation of from 3 to 4 thousand feet: on one
occasion 5000 feet, or nearly so above the sea
level -

The Farmers of South Africa,
Boers as they are called, have for generations,
assembled their families morning & evening
for devotion - Only the Father of this
household speaks English, so the scripture
reading - the extempore prayer, & the hymns
were all in Dutch, conducted with beautiful
simplicity - the child of 4 took her seat
at the Parsonage - Father Mother &
children present, joined in the hymns -
testimony has its place, largely in the
of the Dutch Reformed & it is also largely
practised at home - Moody & Sankey in
Dutch we have heard over & over again -
the Children at School appear to enjoy
"Holla the Dork" & other melodies - one or
two "from Grandfather's Mountain"
has been introduced - when we arrived
here the "Master" ^{the simple} was from home, but out
for a short time, for in less than three
hours from starting, he returned with a
Springbok, of which there are many here away

hope that in about a week I shall read
in the British Friend, an outline of our jour-
ney & religious engagements - The Friend does
not ^{usually} give the notes in their entirety; whereas
the British Friend rarely, if ever, cuts them
short - But account interesting the return of
Theodore Harris - we have missed him
greatly; but the kindness we receive from
our pastors & people remains undiminished -
There is a wonderfully open door - owing
to the drought, the journey is a costly one -
and in the region we have now entered
"FORAGE" is scarce & dear & this difficulty
will probably increase as we journey further
north - I am able, thro some goodness, to
believe, with thankfulness, that our being
in South Africa is in the ordering of the
Lord, and of the Church & that is more
to me, than the desire to see the fruit
of the labors of the Lord & blessing must be in
it - My dear Mr. Hatching & I are
for the most part, favored with excellent
health - the climate is charming - so
dry that we see no mist on the mountains
but a clear sharp outline standing out
against the sky; "beautiful exceedingly"
People would marvel that, at my
time of life, I should enter on such a
journey & well they may, for I am
not as young as a wren with many, not
to my age also - Africa is considered
very Rheumatic to get I escape - can
we not trace in this the loving kindness of
the Lord - How exceedingly faithful?
"Guiltless" of this doing & travelling in our eyes -

Elizabeth is a great dear & her presence is a great comfort to me -

in Port Elizabeth I went to the Hospital to see a relative of our friend Mearns Crosby - she has undergone an operation for Cancer & was doing well - turbulent & complaining, she was able to look calmly on the issue, whatever it might be, whether for life or death - we had a little session of prayer together & were I trust refreshed - I saw daughter Mary Crosby's case for her - her husband was also present - ^{that one more paper} He with many more has suffered from the Drought & has lost a large portion of his flock of sheep - but he takes a Christian's view & even dares to look on the bright side -

I would have written to Mr Crosby but have not been able - On Sunday we & Banto & David my mind with us - we shall probably visit Alluvial North & then take some of the principal towns till we get to Port Elizabeth & having sold our 8 miles & Wagon, take shipping from there for Natal - we are looking anxiously toward Madagascari & trust the way & time will, in due course, present for our guidance - we have visited several Moravian Mission Stations, & felt much at times, for a little space, from the kindness & kindness to us - I write you from time to time - I have written to Mr Dunning for our address - while writing partly my dear Mr K Backhouse & E Dale & Robinson & sending me - I have heard nothing of either - I saw W C & M Parker & a host of others are often on my way

Kindly tell me how many members have
been received ^{to} up to 6 this 30 - under writing
some) How many deaths & births both
with any other particulars bearing on the
welfare of ^{monthly} our Quarterly Meeting - I was very
glad to receive thy letter, as I have long
for an old water as to a thirty year to
as good news from a far country - & be
very sure that the little incidents of daily
life, whether inside or out of Willington
Cottage are read with deep interest - Tell
me all about your surroundings - I think
of ^{thee} & of you all with much love -
Greenlands so far off & such so swift, comes
welling up before me, with thanks giving for
the precious fellowship we, have found true
enjoyed on those rocky & rock bound shores -
I began a few lines - I promised, but utter
ly failed to accomplish the intended task -
Each day is so full, that whole mind
is unbroken, mind is crushed out -

Thine Ever 272

All we could desire in the way of welcome,
always as here - I am ever at your service in
might be with the reception so through accord
to Crutellon friends in our own loved land
where heart & hand & voice are united
in a friend's family, make friends as near
as those who with us have been - but the
the ^{last} evening I read the ^{last} letter of Dr. Crutellon
like one standing 200 has sustained - I thought
that it was the last - for some time
since I have been been covering & with all
the love in which he lives in my heart - I will
and with him in a, dear friend, with all
the love in which he lives in my heart - I will
and with him in a, dear friend, with all
the love in which he lives in my heart - I will

THE UNION STEAM SHIP COMPANY'S LINES AND CONNECTIONS.



TABLE

THE

ZANZIBAR MAIL PACKET SERVICE,

YEAR 1879.

HOMEWARDS.						
Leave Zanzibar at 10 a.m.	Arrive at Mozambique	Arrive at and Leave Quillimane	Arrive at and Leave Inhambane	Arrive at and Leave Delagoa Bay	Arrive at Natal	Arrive at Table Bay
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>About</i>	<i>About</i>	<i>About</i>	<i>About</i>	<i>About</i>	<i>About</i>
8 Feb. ...	11 Feb. ...	14 Feb. ...	16 Feb. ...	17 Feb. ...	19 Feb. ...	1 Mar.
8 Mar. ...	11 Mar. ...	14 Mar. ...	16 Mar. ...	17 Mar. ...	19 Mar. ...	29 Mar.
5 April ...	8 April ...	11 April ...	13 April ...	14 April ...	16 April ...	26 April
3 May ...	6 May ...	9 May ...	11 May ...	12 May ...	14 May ...	24 May
31 May ...	3 June ...	6 June ...	8 June ...	9 June ...	11 June ...	21 June
28 June ...	1 July ...	4 July ...	6 July ...	7 July ...	9 July ...	19 July
26 July ...	29 July ...	1 Aug. ...	3 Aug. ...	4 Aug. ...	6 Aug. ...	16 Aug.
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10 Jan. ...	13 Jan. ...	16 Jan. ...	18 Jan. ...	19 Jan. ...	21 Jan. ...	31 Jan.

for Forty-eight hours when found necessary.

Thus. miserable night!

The Long Kloof Towner's farm.
Avanture

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Egds Port, reached Exel Gage's farm. Groenewald's at 5.20
who had prepared his coach house nice & neat in which he held a
meeting with his people & family about 80 were present mostly
his colored dependents & a good meeting was felt to have been held
He is a skillful ostrich farmer says they take from 42 to 45 days
to hatch out & the temperature to be maintained in artificial in-
cubation is 102° in summer & 104° in winter & they must be sprinkled
twice a day with water & half buried over at noon & then com-
pletely turned over in the evening. He says Mr Lawrence would not
have invented his incubators but for his information & advice
15. II Left ^{Groenewald's} ~~Groenewald's~~ at 8 after reading & a religious opportunity
Passed the Schomberg Ch. at the extremity near this land & reached the
Towner's farm where we had an introduction at 11.30 dined with them
& found them intelligent people having recently done England & Europe
pretty well in six mos. The garden has an assortment of roses brought
over from the trip. He was making some bricks of a better quality
than is common in these country districts & intends himself to
build a Ch. After dinner J. S. pretty lengthily addressed a small
gathering of his men & the family from the stoop. We were much
prepared to stay the night but left at 2.30 reaching Avanture &
Mr Londeghis at seven where we were hospitably entertained &
I think, I fed the fleas pretty well for my little feather bed seemed
full of them & it was a constant fight all the night through with them
A cold misty & rainy day therm 67° Avanture above sea 218 ft 10, 11, 12

The changes ripen at Ananure In 6, 7, & sometimes in 8mo they have snow now & then it is 3ft deep Uniondale is lower down over the mountain ^{yet still about 2,000 ft. high} it is hotter & altogether another climate, free from the scorch mists so prevalent here. We expected others but found none.

Mr. Londagh is a very large & stout man

16. II An hour & half's ride over the mountain, paid brought us from Ananure to Uniondale formerly called Hopedale. We went down below in the valley long before we reach it And here we are the vacant L.R. passage given us to us & under the chief man & a store-keeper, the hotel is small & nearly full & would not be comfortable. The deacons have only small houses but there is the empty parsonage of which I have the keys & if you like you can have. We arrived here but as we had very much, with us including bedding & provisions we should be delighted with it. So into the large yard we drove & put our mules into the stable & Hendrick had possession of the kitchen giving us a cup of tea & a pretty soon we were not long in receiving visitors.

17. II In the L.R. Ch. without a regular pastor one had been engaged for the morning service at which I, Thos. & self were, present with our interpreter & at 10 o'clock he arrived & gave a few words & gave a stirring sermon. The minister seemed to have & Rudloff felt & put out that if H. had called him to minister, but he said he

did not think we could have done it. He did not suppose of not
taking that opportunity that the people would approve. I felt I
that in that address it was shown earnestly the congregation
gave their attention to it. The evening was interesting for C. S. T. H.
'good notice having been given five times the morning's number
were present which showed an appreciation of what was then
said

18. II. Hummingbird & at night rec letter (no. 8. Hummer OK) Two 1 from Father
A Bible Society meeting on the 14th. Schornmeyer, th. Th. 18. 18. 18.

12th ^{II}_{III} J.S. A Kid off to home to fill a cart & have gone on
this morning to Williams each in it, carrying the doing
a messing in Sturge Murray's ch. Hearing next morning
to be back at night the road was not good enough for our coach.

20. II 21. 22. He arrived on night from Williams, Mr Schuman was
 IV with me at the time for an hour or so that He is a deeply Christian
 man fond of medicine & information on medicinal plants
 He brought with him a letter to us all three containing a brief
 farewell of the character of a certificate which we were not
 to open until after he was gone. (See Page 187 the end)

21st 11 Left Uniondale & in 1 1/2 hour crossed the mountains & outspan
ed at Franture. Again in the Long Kloof which is 15 hours
long ~~the~~ in this neighborhood game is plentiful including
rebas & many kind of birds. About four o'clock we

A Collection proposed by the farmers at Two Rivers

reached Haarlem which is a Lutheran Miss Station under the care of Mr. Haufen who cannot speak much English but he was the preacher in the morning at Uniondale where I asked leave to say a few words to receive cordially. His wife also who only speaks German they have no children but have adopted a little girl named Hannah who called me uncle.

A meeting was already arranged for to well attended 22. II ^{VI} Left Haarlem at 6.45 with a couple of volunteer outriders to show us the way for a mile or two & coming to a bad place all set to fill it up with stones before we counted it quite safe to go over it with our coach or even cart. We outspanned at night at Two Rivers.

* Olivier's farm rather a rough place still in the Tong Kloof. A. L. was in the house. The rest of us camped out ^{from river,} 23. II ^{VII} Left Two Rivers at 7.45 & towards noon at Kemp's Hotel, a farm where the road turns off. There are no drift needles for us to cross, met a messenger from the Hermanus Mission Station at Clarkson to be our guide there so after resting our mules for a couple of hours' dinner we set out under his leadership over mountain (Karee Berg) & through bushes in the midst of mist & rain till night came on & we could not even see the mule before us. Our guide Bernard

* Here Kadija has a service unknown to us with some of the farmers gathered together at night. On our leaving in the morning they not only charge nothing for feeding our 12 mules, but said "you are at great expense & we think we ought to make a collection for you."

Clarkson

was a good one. I've kept hailing him the us to keep out
 of a certain hole or dangerous place in the road which he
 knew of or could see whilst on his own horse. It was ten
 o'clock before we got to our destination & H. J. & myself walked
 a little behind the cart party came up to a light
 which proved to be an outspan of a party living
 two hours of a Mrs Lamont of English descent & quite
 a lady from her voice pressed a lantern upon us &
 told us they were expecting us at the station & after
 proceeding 4 mile met Bernard returning to meet us along
 a lane of Kaffir huts before which were poles for vine & fig trees
 & this was the Kaffir street another similar one was Fingoe street
 We had a hearty welcome from the two missionaries. Their
 wives the senior one & the other Fischer who formerly
 resided at Hamansdorp

24^I II After the reading portion of the service this morning the
 rest was given over to the Friends when I shared a spot with
 two interpreters the first, Radloff into Dutch & the next
 a Fingoe Kaffir and his dialect. It seemed to lose no
 weight as it went thro. these tongues especially into
 the Fingoes who is a good man highly thought of by
 the missionaries. We afterwards walked in their large
 garden full of orange trees & lemons but no grapes which

The Forest Glen at Clarkson

do not thrive near the sea & it was visible a few miles off threw a nice cool breeze into the village.

In the evening, J.H. fixed a bible society meeting which J.S. did not feel drawn to partake in then indeed was supposing there to be another religious opportunity which was managed by staying over the next day & I with the cart & Mahomed to go to where the coach was encamped at Kemp's

25. ^{II} Spent the morning in a walk into the forest in the mountain glen & here were nice ferns & a fine semi-tropical vegetation & Joseph Lokaines was my guide & said he saw a tiger there five months ago which they are still on the look out for. The Captain & the Wynne are almost in view in the distance looking towards George. At a 4 before 2 left Clarkson with the cart four mules & Mahomed returning along the road we had traversed in the 7th day night reached the coach at Kemp's in 2 1/2 hours. Went a mile half with Hendrick to the farmer who had lent us his cart & considered he ought to have 2/- for its loan considering the bad road it had to be used over. He gave me a sack of skins. One man (both farmers) charged me 9/- for a bundle of oats & another a shilling.

Humansdorp

26th 11th Being by myself. I had all inspained before six
 this morning ^{III} and made an early start for reaching
 Humansdorp by night fall At 10, ^{like 12} outspained at
 Essentosch on Qu Pree's farm for breakfast. Then passed
 a farm called (up River Hotel from which with Potgieters
 in Leuvenstock (Levensbush - or Lions bush) is about
 a half hour where I had arranged to meet A. Sharp
 & party who drove up soon after us along with Mr Fisher
 in a cape cart & Radloff in his back. He had a desire
 to introduce us at Humansdorp & drove on before us
 with Radloff & made arrangements for a meeting in
 Mr Hugh's the (L.R. minister's ch.). Slept in my tent
 the rest, managed in Krookab rather small hotel

27th Visited the goal as usual mostly coloured people but
 were interested in the case of a young man of good family
 who was there from an intemperate indiscretion who
 was specially taboured with by S. J. H. to whom I after
 wards induced to sign the total abstinence pledge
 in my pocket-book in his un-assumed name
 at 1.30 dined with Mr Smyth the C.E. / pleasant wife
 Bible Society meeting at 7, did not go, had been feeling a
 little feverish & all day. Weather, moist & rainy
 Forage can of per small bundle in street

Here Hendrick was accused by the daughter now Mrs. (name) of the same name

Hanky Beautiful situation - But not the remainder of sentence

Ranis Fontein could not be made to arrangement.

28. II Rainy - Inspected by eleven horsemen at Middle
Camp & rest mules in the rain reached Hanky a station
of the L. N. S. undergoing change of train by rail where
Dr Philip & Dr. and Philip formerly had the charge
Mr Riley a Yorkshireman of Scotch descent with a decidedly
young Scotch wife has been there for five months only
his endeavouring to work it into an independent station
We were shown a note which is after Jas 13. Known by
the name of Backhouse Hook. The house stands on a
hill is surrounded by hills Hook into a valley. We
could not help & claiming beautiful for situation -
but alas the standard of religion is at a low state as
freely admitted by Mr Riley. The large well stocked
garden is on a flat 30 ft. below the house & readily irrigated
which just then it did not require, rain having fallen in
the last 10 days which had been anxiously hoped for during
the past 18 months now where all was dry. Here as a thick
green grass was springing up in abundance. I saw the tomb
of the two Philip ^{girls} ~~girls~~ drowned together in the Gammas River
close by where they had gone for a bath. (L^r Philip's tomb was
there with his wife but no inscription for want of an artist

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Cadles Hotel & the Pass Uitenhage.

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1. III
VI Left Hanky this forenoon & in the afternoon came
through a beautifully grand wooded ravine, with a good
road through it we passed down & then up & emerging after
dark turned aside near a toll house & Grey Shop. to the
finest hotel we have come, & since leaving Cape Town
we had a suit of rooms with veranda in front which
looked out on a pleasant prospect & pretty flowers. Here
English is the tongue & it ~~did~~ seem English to see Mr.
Cadle's son & his two little girls going out with a basket
to pick the pretty wild flowers growing in such
profusion close at hand.

2. III
VII We left Cadle's Hotel at 11 on our way to Uitenhage
passing over ground which was covered in some places
with Kaffir aloes in flower, cactuses, scarlet acacias
& various shrubs & pretty flowers. Reaching the green
town of Uitenhage about five in the afternoon after
near two hours early outstart to allow & have a rest
as he did not feel well fearing an attack of his old
enemy the bile in the blood on which account he & I
took up our quarters at Mrs. Besons boarding house
& allowed C. H. Kadloff to accept Mr. Stuyt's hospitality
who is the 'I & K' minister & a very pleasant man with
a Scotch lachie as our landlady put it for his wife,
but she says she is not Scotch.

Uitenhage - J. D. ill - Col Elizabeth

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3. III
I

J. D. kept his bed until near the service time in the evening in the D. R. Ch. when as he relieved it w^{as} be. strength was given him for the occasion & a good meeting held for which he seemed specially gifted from on high

4. III J. D. a little stronger this afternoon but we not have gone out if his name had not been specially announced last night as a speaker at the Bible Society Meeting in Uitenhage. This evening which is the 20th Brit. F. Bible S. Auxiliary meeting we have held & attended so far in S. Africa

5. III There is a short line of railway opened now from Port Elizabeth to this town. It runs at slow way in an hour & 20 min^{ts}. Fare 3/6 2nd Class. I went this morning & took a return ticket for 5/- Called on Peter France at the Union Office who was ready to go with me everywhere to Jones Kudd & Co. the forwarding agents where our boxes have been sent also 15 sacks of oats & 2 compressed bales of oat sheaves. Oats are worth 30/- per 100 lbs wt. & in the Sheaf 14/- per 100 lbs wt. While straw in Uitenhage of such quality as is used in other places & at other times only for packing purposes costs us 11/- per bale of 200 lbs. Mealies (Indian Corn) 25/- per 100 lbs & Barley the same. There is a fine imposing Town Hall with its Library Reading Room & Museum. I saw a very large market hall set out with ostrich feathers ready for auction sale. I got a letter for myself & J. D. & one for J. H. including one from F. Bayless saying that F. & B. of 24

Raffia Quarter at Uitenhage

was, not likely to live & I.H. had better come home

I learned that many people of all denominations & ages are eagerly awaiting our arrival in St. Elizabeth & give us a warm welcome. I have deferred holding the anniversary meeting of the Bible society till our arrival.

6. III. I.H. has gone to St. Elizabeth & takes up his quarters at Mr. Tibbels a widow lady with two daughters in Barry Terrace near the Hotel B. Hotel. I am looking after needful repairs to coach & baggage cart. J.S. is still unwell. With Philip & the t.c. called Hook us out a ride into the Raffia quarter whose nutspines that are round, to build the Mantake ride,  are mushroom shaped  and ~~under~~ the hostels &  ~~under~~ the hostels. These were in European fashion square & gable ended. He told us they bore a true character for thriving and immorality & that many of them were built upon what was at the root-washing establishment & earning 6/4 if a day.

7. III. I.H. went over to St. Elizabeth to order a stock of groceries. Took me to the home of I.H. Enago's quarters for I.H. took on the hill at the factory, a widow lady with two daughters & two servants & a cow & a goat & a water cart & a list in flower time. He is sister-in-law to I.H. & standing which we did not know until after.

Uitenhage & its water utilised for Wool-washing Establishments

8. III

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Dr. getting stronger, I have written our Commr. also to John Hewell Con. Secy Mr. Johnson Madagascar concerning arrangements for our arrival at Vamatave. Hoping we do not expect to leave Natal before the first of eighth month. Mr. Dreytler drove us to see Lange's wool washing establishment the largest in district for which Uitenhage with its fine supply of good water from the mountains is so well fitted. Cape Town has, not near so large a supply. After washing the wool, weights from top of dirt from 50 to 70 % lighter.

A meeting in the Wesleyan chapel at 7.30 Mr. Lurgeant, & party to leave at this house including John Gibson the mayor of Uitenhage who said he remembered Jas. B. S. H. W. perfectly. A little discussion commenced on the Mayor saying we are cup & to preach for the love of it not for hire which did not suit the other ministers present but which all kept in & humourous the mayor & latter maintained his ground.

9. III

VII

We all came to Port Elizabeth by train this afternoon Harp & self being with Mr. Hastings on Havelock Street and having to go even for breakfast then to where J. H. & Radloff are quarters for the time in Cory Terrace.

10. III

I

By arrangement a meeting was held in St. John's Church this morning (I rest & recover) J. H. owing to being in a draught while I having was suddenly seized with violent internal pains Uitenhage has an unfailing supply of 1,500,000 gals. of water every 24 hours

lost all the colour from his usual florid countenance becoming as pale as death & went to lay down on his bed from the breakfast table. H. & I went to the meeting without him after seeing him a little better in colour & after the preliminaries of the usual service had been mostly gone thro. he came in & sat down beside us on a raised platform on a level with the floor of the pulpit & behind it in chesha fashion & was the first to commence preaching as he went on in faith a very good sermon directed against infidelity & encouragement belief & faith in Christ. Sharp followed first addressing the young. minds & encouraging parents to train up a child in the way it should go for when it is old it will not depart therefrom & ending with prayer a sore feeling as the minister remarked to me seemed to pervade the congregation.

We afterwards dined with Sister France this wife who
have been here 15 yrs but she reminds does not trust this
wife & no has a weak back & is going back to England soon.
P.T. & engagements will keep him here another 12 years
Gaining the congregation given over to the work, & the Lord's
work, & the church will be a great blessing to the world & the
people of the world. I have been very much
pleased to see them as a wonderful blessing to the Church
& the world. I was a great blessing to the minister, & the people.

was very confidential & heart felt. We had tea, & spent with him afterwards.

11. ^{II} J.H. was taken ill again in the night & called up Radloff. The Landlady & the Dr. Benson sent for to be breakfast when seems to understand the case tho. it has resulted in colic from cold taken whilst standing with the window open. The cool air blowing on him. The Bible Meeting Anniversary (Dr. Bennett Episcopalian in the chair) he could not attend which was a great disappointment to him & to the Committee: the Dr. gave some of his statements in his stead & a very good meeting was held. I wrote tea with Mrs. Winston the Presbyterian minister & from the meeting walked home with Mr. Francis & son & Charles came in & said he was going to sit up with J.H. the most of the night which he persisted in doing tho. I wanted to insist. He got sleep a few times & J.H. was a little better by morning.

12. ^{III} The Dr. called & was to call again at evening, he saying there was no real danger to J.H. Radloff wanted to go to Hottenage but it was thought best for him to stay with J.H.; J.H. & I went to some, Rudd & Co to our boxes & had some conversation with a gentleman Mr. Phillips of Hopsdown who providentially was there to give us the information

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12. III

concerning our route from here to Graaffreinet & Kuruman just at the moment we wanted it to have set out to seek him - but on walking out of Mrs R. Ho's office at the inside - there he was at the door-way

I came to Uitenhage by 2 o'clock & rain to see after some needful preparations stowing away 3 or 4 boxes groceries taking the coach four friends the Sisters tomorrow to Redhouse Rly Station to meet S. & to go on from there tomorrow to Bethelsdorp an hour's ride by horse conveyance.

My landlady brought me a chamelon with a young one only an inch long walking over the back & tail of its mother who now then wraps one of its legs over her little one, like an arm, to save it from danger.

Annie the youngest daughter who was introduced to me as the lady invited me to a walk before-breakfast to see the beauties of the place from Cannon's Hill. I could not well spare the time but how could I refuse.

13. III Rose & wife (sunrise) took the walk on Cannon's Hill getting our feet wet thro. on the short green grass heavily laden with dew but well repaid by the view of Uitenhage & from it, we came back by 7.30. At one P.M. took the Steynersdorp ^{Langé} train by way of Redhouse Rly Station & take up S. & Tharh from P.E.

So go forward to Bethelsdorp. It took us three hours to the Station at Redhouse & we outspanned for an hour & then in an hour & half more reached Bethelsdorp a station of the L.M.S. Mr. Merrington in charge an old man with a large white beard like Dr. Moffatt's. He was there when Jas. Backhouse & G.W. Walker visited them & in my bedroom at the Kitchingman I saw a copy of the journal. We had a good supper at once with bush-buck, goose & pork with stewed peaches, apricots, & apples & what we have misped for a week past since being in town some nice fresh butter. We then went into the chapel & Mr. Skyster interpreted for F.S. about 200 coloured persons of all ages were there to whom I spoke of the way of salvation. J. Harris F.S. informed me he had left in bed unable to come & in the midst of it all came two telegrams from England to him, the 1st informing him of his partner John A. Blair Bapsett's death, the 2nd saying Francis Bapsett was ill & the other executor S. G. Alexander was unable to attend to the duties & J.H. was wanted home immediately. We had a cup of cocoa before going to bed & singing of hymns from Sankofa with American Organ & then F.S. read the 1st Ch. in Revelation & addressed the household all present ending with prayer.

In the mountains here the bread fruit tree is found & a white

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13. III

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Tortoise

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Theo. Harris likely to return home by next weeks steamer.

ago that curious lump the "elephants-foot" grew all around
until a "chemist & botanist" removed them & exported them
bulbs to Europe so that both are now not much seen.
The great elephant tortoise is still plentiful in the out
of the way mountains & is called the berg-tortoise & eaten
by Kaffirs & others

14. III Froze at six & saw J.H. off in a cart to Redhouse on his
way to Port E. to see how J.H. was getting on being left with
Radloff to attend him. Left with the coach & the Myster
Ship ^{Langi} ~~Han~~ at 9.30 arriving in Citenhage in two hours

15. III. I received a letter from home & read one from J.S. at P.E.
stating J.H. was better & improving on homeopathy!
How would "he" could hire a Cape cart & take 4 of our
mules for J.S. & me to go tomorrow to Enon a days journey
from here - one of the Maravian M.S.

Mosquitoes are very troublesome in Citenhage, since the
rain fall of the last week & so the curtains are quite a
comfort & do nicely

J.S. arrived from Port E. by the 3 train with Theo. & Radloff - J.H.
looking weak & having written home that he may be
expected by next weeks steamer leaving Port E. and he read
me a letter written in duplicate & sent to R. Braithwaite
& the "Little boy" to it effect. We are therefore going.

Changes to be made in Equipment thought of
 dispense with Raddleff. Very likely I, Harp & I will
 go forward alone. - the if we wanted an interpreter in
 the district we are going into Mr Kaiser the pastor of a
 coloured congregation &c. thinks with half a word
 would accompany us. We shall not require so heavy
 a vehicle as the coach for two of us will have to try & find
 something lighter & dispense with a mule or two so as to
 cut down expenses as much as possible. I shall be obliged
 to take up luggage. So I shall have my work set in seeing
 to this in the next week or so here in Uitenhage & at Port B.

A meeting is fixed with Mr Patterson, coloured congregation
 here at 7.30 originally by J.H. for last night but was
 postponed till now when it is doubtful if he will be
 strong enough to attend. - We had a good meeting. H.
 was interpreted for at once Dutch & Fingo. J.H. not there.
 Alluding to the time of silence that was asked for the minute
 afterwards said I did not know that my people could
 be so still.

16. III VII After seeing J.H. where he is still quartered as before at
 the Steyters J.S. & I left at ten a.m. for Enon with a
 hot oppressive morning which in the afternoon turned
 to heavy rain with thunder & lightning. When we got
 to Zondagh river it was much swollen & the water came

above the axle. The road was soft & heavy & we were eleven hours on the way that had been given over being expected at the mission station. We afterwards learned we had come four hours journey out of our way - but, consider it providential, as by that way the river was quite impassable. We had a hospitable welcome from brother Craspe & Zimmerman & their wives sleeping in what was built for the vestry, but is now the guest chamber. They have a large quantity of rich land well watered & bushy & even some good timber 12,000 Morgans or 24,000 acres & are every year just about this time & a little later on troubled with elephants & were told that we arrived a little later on into the depth of the night should have had our path crossed by the elephants. We saw many leaves & stems of the prickly pear & shrubs which had been broken off & trampled by them & our homeward guide informed us, also that buffaloes were frequently seen & bucks abounded on the rocks overhanging the river where we took a walk & monkeys were in the habit of looking down in answer to a halloo. The beautiful pink amaryllis was very plentiful.

I am informed at Alual North by Greenlade that these elephants have no tusks & are a different variety to the Northern one & that it is on this account they are not hunted down or that even if they have tusks they are too small to be worth the trouble coupled with the fact that they are untamed.

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A Meeting at Enon

17. III
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He breakfasted at 7.30 ^{with} the family and at nine went into the ch. where at the close of their service A.S. had a little opportunity. Notice given of a longer one in the evening (the entire time) "The Lord is my Shepherd" being the commencement of his theme. The interpreter a coloured man, the school master, trained at Genadendal, a very nice solid character, who got through very well after asking for the sentences to be short. He dined at 12 & at the 2.30 gathering of the family for coffee A.S. extended the message of love counsel & exhortation ending with prayer for which they showed their appreciation by shaking hands at its close & desiring that what he had to say would be blessed wherever he went &c. There had been a peace & war conversation over night, also temperance or total abstinence in it. They do not see as we do some of them, as German are required had served some time in the army. It was not always easy to understand what they said. Timmerman has got his second wife, who came out to him three months ago by the Warwick Castle the one which arrived immediately before the R'mrotin Castle.

18. III

II

A.S. had a half hour with a number of the young men & a few older ones in the ch. this morning about

River Flooded So return by rail with mules

the bible making good use of it. After which their usual semi-religious instruction ensued. We left them at nine a goodly group witnessing our departure. We had taken the precaution to take back with us a coloured guide to help us thro. the river, but when we had proceeded about an hour, met two white boys farmers sons who informed us some oxen had been driven across which had been carried away down the river. It was impossible for us to get through. Had discussed this contingency over night & was prepared for it - so we turned round & made for Coerney Railway station where in an hour the goods train took the 4 mules cart & Hendrick to Uitenhage by changing at Lurthkops where we also joined the train from P. Elizabeth arriving at 6.45 - having come a round of about 74 miles.

St Harris had been pretty well whilst we had been away tho. still weak. He had telegraphed per Jones Rudd & Co. of P. E. to Cape Town who secured him the best deck cabin for £55- in the Walmer Castle which leaves Cape Town a week tomorrow. St H. leaving Port. E. on 6th day next at five in the afternoon.

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Thos. Harris goes home in Walmer Castle.

19. III

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Took Hendrick into confidence told him we intended selling his cart & the 4 mules telling him to go home as he could not drive the coach ^{with} comfort to himself. Mahomet hearing of it said he did not wish to go North with us would break his agreement. Hendrick advised us to let him go as altho. he was a first rate driver he was a great grumbler. Tjjeri wants to stay with us & agrees to try & get his sister's husband to work along with him who is also a first rate driver.

20. ¹² Went to Port Elizabeth with Hendrick & T. Harris's luggage to Jones Rudd & Co's office bought myself a leather portmanteau as I cannot take my box on the coach. I am still very weak a kind of neuralgia

21. III I got the cart emptied ^I & arranged its remaining ^(battered & useless) contents in the coach. Tjjeri brings his brother-in-law Abdul a tall respectable looking fellow who can speak English pretty well & is a great talker.

22. ^{VI} III A party of us have seen Thos. Harris off at the jetty at Port Elizabeth at one o'clock today in the midst of heavy rain. He is better than he has been since the commencement of his illness. Hendrick goes with him to Cape Town & Mahomet also goes by the same steamer. He had not been long in

Abdol & Tyeri engaged together.

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our quarters at Vittorhage this afternoon before Abdol's wife Sudea Maria was introduced by Tyeri. She wanted to know if we had concluded with her husband and whether she could receive a part of his wages at Port E.

Signed a free agreement with Abdol & Tyeri for £9 a month each commencing today (22/3/78). Tyeri's father to have paid to him in Cape Town on the 16th of each mo. the sum of £3 on acct. & Abdol's wife to have £5 a month thro. Jones Rudd & Co. At Port Elizabeth. Abdol to have sole charge of the mules with such help as Tyeri can reasonably give when not wanted by us at outspanning or doing for us the same work that used to be done by Hendrick.

23^{III} ^{VII} We were in the Market Place by 7 o'clock this morning expecting the sale to take place of 4 of our mules & the cart. It had rained heavily the night before & few if any real buyers were on the spot. Less than half their value was bid so no sale took place.

I Sharp went to Port E. by the 11 train & got me a letter from Father. Abdol begged the loan of 10/- further from me & leave of absence to go & take a last look at his little ones. saying he had given his advance of £2 to his uncle.

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Cart & 4 mules to Port E.

24. III

I

Ex. Self attended the 2nd Service in the A. & Ch. Church when Radloff officiated. Notice was given for Ex. to address them in the evening when a large congregation assembled to whom Ex. preached the Word with power. We afterwards had supper with the Sisters.

25. III Went to Port E. by rail with 11 fones called on Stollman

II

auctioneer & arranged for sale of the 4 mule cart to take place there next day. The balance of proceeds to be paid into the branch of the Standard Bank to Ex. credit.

26. III To day Ex. was very much occupied in matters connected with

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the coachmen & talking about our future route up north to Glen Connor, Jansonsville, & Caaffinette to Koruman.

27. III Sent Abdul & Sijerie with the cart & 4 mules to Port E.

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to be ready for sale, by road, & J. S. & Self went by rail to make some final arrangements about baggage left at Jonestown. The two men were to come home by a later train after having seen their friends: but neither of them came.

28. III Abdul arrived by the first train this morning, but

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Sijerie is still absent. Ex. was already to start in case he came by 3 o'clock, but had to unharness after a deal of trouble & running about & so intend in the morning to go & look after another man from Port E.

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29. III.
VI

Left by the early train with Abdo to seek another Malay driver in Port Elizabeth Station. Found a cousin of Kapson, Abdo's. Syeri meanwhile turned up at Uitenhage & so I Sharp posted after to inform me, but after due deliberation concluded it would not do to take Syeri on again after he had served us this trick. And so we concluded a new agreement with Kapson, Abdo & Gongu. Sober the former to be headman & servant. The latter 2nd driver to get at £7 a month each or 6/- a day each. Kapson's wife to have £3 a month, paid in C. B. by Jones Rudd & Co & Potter's mother-in-law to have £2 a month by the same.

We have been just four weeks in Uitenhage since now and hope nothing further will happen to prolong our stay. It has been an eventful time. Bro. Sharp was ill & only recovered in time to be able to look a little after Theo. Harris when he was taken ill. When sufficiently recovered left us for home again. Then we lost our trusty servant Hendrick, & along with him not to return was an Arab Mahomet our first driver wanted to break his agreement & go home for & nothing would keep him. Then Syeri the third Malay who at first reckoned he wanted to remain in our service.

End of First Stage of Interior Journey

absorbed himself. & Rudloff the interpreter is on his way to stop with his brother minister at Bloemfontein. So Isaac & Har, & myself set forward tomorrow & commencing the second stage of our South African inland journey together with these two new Funtua drivers.

IN CONSEQUENCE of the unexpected departure of one of the Deputation of the Society of Friends, for Europe,

Four of the Splendid Span of Twelve Mules,

Selected by Mr. BAM, of Cape Town, from Coeberg, and belonging to the above Gentlemen, now travelling in South Africa, will be sold on the Uitenhage Market, on

Saturday next, the 23rd inst.

They are well matched, and have been accustomed to draw together.

A Covered Scotch Cart, by ROBERTSON, of Cape Town and Harness for Four Mules, will be put up at same time.

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Leave Uitenhage for 3 miles
 Uitenhage to ~~St~~ Centlivres 8 miles
 Centlivres to ^{Prentis} Rivers Kraal 2 miles
 Prentis Kraal
 Blaauw Krantz ^{Right} 11 miles

an accommodation house
 the next is 10 miles off

Fakirsquil 10 miles
 narrow road

Rose ball 5 miles
^{public outspan}

Glen Connor 3 miles
^{Rail Terminus}

Gertenbachs 4

Koms 2
^{Comes ditz}

Paarde Poort Hotel 12

Koffie Laagte 6

Holmes Accom. ho. Grey Stone P.O. 7 miles
^{clean}

Drie Koppen Acc Ho. Fletcher's 6

Fair View 12

Jansonville 5

In Jansonville Mr Hall says is
a friend of his - George Hyman

Shoekeeper

Consult about Forage or anything else

Mr. Parkes at Graaffreinet
was brot. up a Friend

To Mr Halls

From Greystone Lake Boerland Road

To Vernon Hall his residence

From Greyson come two farms in 6 miles
another also Dutch 5 miles

do do in 3 miles
14 miles

Vernon Hall to Janson's Ville
4 miles to Beases Vley.
2 to Mr John Birch
18 to Jansonville
or few houses between

A. Glen Connor - Mr Jones, Gates, or Tillbrook

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30. III
VII

I reached Pemise Kraat at one o'clock this ~~afternoon~~ after a two hours drive which is a farm house hotel & store kept by a man named neus who indeed was his own residence a little removed from the chief spot which is a 10 minutes walk from the railway at Ensliver, by which means Saar Sharp is reached at four in the afternoon.

I gave A. Steyters introductory letter at the house of (D. Grever) which was opened by his brother-in-law Steyters home on acct of (D.G.'s) absence to give to the hotel proprietor who was also absent but his deputy entered into the spirit of it & went round the country on horse-back to give notice to the scattered inhabitants of the unusual thing in this quarter of a religious meeting tomorrow First day morning (at 10 a.m.) & another at 4 p.m. I then called on the Station Master Billingham a Northampton man & gave him a letter from St. Holmes & told him of the two meetings. He seemed pleased & said he would do anything he could to further it. I afterwards met J.S. at the train with the two Malays to carry his bags & there we were both accosted by Christopher Grever brother of (David G.) who had been to Hitenhage.

I was returning in the train I had seen A. Steytle who had asked him to interest himself in the cause which he seems heartily disposed to do & informed us he usually at 3.30 on a Sunday afternoon has the children of the districts together for instruction which he will omit tomorrow so as to let them come to the meeting. He had his horse to leave Uitenhage by, but came home by train, & left it for his brother, as he could not do so, with a message to come forward by it after arriving in Uitenhage from Port E. which shewed an earnestness in the cause, as he knew his brother was not intending coming home until Monday.

The short distance of ten miles we have travelled in this direction has brought small out-theaves from 8²/₄ up to a shilling & very poor for that.

Our hosts deputy Mr. Drim seems to be fond of pets for he is followed about by a young coney which took its seat on my shoulder I wanted to sit & help itself to my linings & at last, and a monkey or rather "baboon" skips around & verambles amongst the small boys for the factors' he occasionally throws down & the active animal

Meeting at Prentiss Hall

usually seems to get, if not the lion's share, at least the monkey's, stuffing his cheeks with them fast & full. ^{& cat, dog or pig it cannot tolerate near its plate of rice & pie} but flies into their faces biting them & pulling hold of their ears.

31st III In the hotel dining room the people came in between 35 and 40 The meeting was opened by S. Newar giving out Sankeys no. 30 Hymn, ^{Every man his neighbour's ear} which was sung feelingly by the audience then as arranged I read the 5th chapter of Matthew's Gospel concluding with a few words of commendation of Friends usual mode of commencing public worship, with silent devotion & seeking to know the will of the Lord concerning us & which was after a brief silence, more fully taken up by Isaac Sharp who labored by exhortation & prayer for fully $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour in an attentive congregation some of whom it is to be hoped had faith mixed with the word preached to them. They sat still until we shook hands, & at S. Newar's bid then the meeting was over & we should be glad to see them & their friends again at 4 o'clock & that Mr. Warf wd visit the Sunday School at 3.30 for a short while. "often young people thus met under Mr. Newar's care who gave out a hymn then let them read round in the Testament & asked S. to speak to them when it was done who prompted me to speak to them a little in the first place. Suppose

Meetings at Prentice Straal

to them a little of Samuel & David & giving heed to the voice of the Holy Spirit in their hearts teaching them good from evil. Then I Sharp took up about David being the ~~good~~^{or} Shepherd, thou Christ, the Good Shepherd loved little children, they listened to him attentively, another hymn was sung when C. G. offered prayer & I Sharp went on in continuance for a blessing on his weekly efforts that the hearts of the children might be fully turned to the Lord. The room then began to fill for the afternoon gathering and at I. S.'s request after they had sung one verse in Dutch I read the 8th Romans & at its conclusion again directed to God who is a Spirit that in the outward silence of the flesh we might desire the out pouring of the Holy Spirit by whose aid alone acceptable worship can be made, when the meeting settled into a solemn silence only broken by the prayerful utterances of I Sharp that the Almighty wd bless & own our gathering & draw each one unto himself. He afterwards spoke at some length ⁱⁿ with exhortation & counsel with good effect. When I told the assembly the meeting was over I encouraged them, first thanking them

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31. III
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Meetings at Grenville Hall

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for assembling in answer to our invitation, to assemble
next Sunday & each successive one. I know you
do not assemble because you have no regularly
appointed minister. But what the no preacher
speaks the word, A minister is there, a minister
of wondrous power, true graces to impart, Who
preaches with a Saviour's power, and preaches
to the heart." I want you to meet in Faith & pour out
your souls in prayer for a blessing & there will be
added to you numbers & you will not meet in vain.
Now I want with your approval that it shall be
given out that you will meet after this manner
next Sunday & a blessing will be upon it.

Bro Grew then feelingly thanked Isaac & Harp
himself for the words spoken & the labour amongst
them on behalf of those present. I Harp, then in a
semi-conversational manner gave a little further
advice to the mothers & the little ones & told them
something about the far off northern lands and
the people he had visited there. Also that though
it was not exactly of our own planning that we were
spending this day amongst them he felt comfortable
in believing that it was in the Divine ordering.

Kaffir unsettlement

That with that feeling he would prefer being with them to being in one of the very large congregations but without that feeling. Our friend Dillingham then went to Mr Grewar & said we must have Mr Stitches's suggestion talked over amongst us during the week & see if we cannot carry it out. And it seems in a fair way to be done. David Grewar who has arrived came up to us & shook hands apparently pleased to see us; he looks a very different man from his brother in law of the cold shoulder, sure the white lie of a deacon in the D.R. Ch.

I. IV

ii The Kaffirs in this district indeed all over seem to be in a state of ferment only waiting the success of their fellow tribes at the seat of war to rise up & join with ^{them} & here we put up this evening at Villeneuve's on Crown Point & they speak as being afraid of them.

We left Centlivres this morning at a two hours later than we had intended owing to slight mechanical repairs to the coach & after we had proceeded an hour or two on the road found we were going direct to Graaff Reinet instead of by way of Glen Connor and Jansonsville. At 11.30 we came to Elands Poort where the farmer Hotel-keeper informed us we were only

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Krom Port

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I. IV

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4 or 5 miles out of the road we wanted & without asking, his wife got us a cup of tea & said she had been at one of the meetings in Uiseniuge. Her husband said he was at Labakoo close to the Kuruman where we expect to be, when a boy about 1839, when Robt. Moffatt was there & just about the time of his first return visit to England. His party were there looking for ivory in the sand drifts where from the whole remains of skeletons it is ~~the~~ supposed the défilians had been standing in groups & covered over with the rapidly accumulating heaps around them. When we were nearly ready to start (at 12.30 A.S.) ended the interview with them by prayer & the gift of Jas. B's tract "The Way of Salvation &c". The name Elands Port is derived from a tree close by discovered with the head & horns of the eland stuck fast in a fork of its branches. There is scarcely a tree visible here, but there is a dense bushy scrub with aloes *cacti geraniums* and other succulent leaved growths.

Krom Port, de Villiers's boarding house was reached at about 4 o'clock, - the mules required

1 1/2 hours rest & feed, after that there will only be a half hours daylight, so we concluded to stop & try for an early start in the morning. They could only furnish us with dry brown bread boiled salt meat & coffee without milk, so J.S. was fain to call upon our wagons stores for cheese, raspberry jam & Swiss milk the latter of which I was equally ready for. They are all Dutch & Dutch speaking only but there is one a young lady visitor who can speak English & interpret for us. There are plenty of skins about on the benches & a fine one of a Zebra filling the whole bench back & seat is very striking. his is got for 4/- - & sent for J.S. to see

There are mountains in front of us, mountains to the right of us, & mountains to the left of us, - and in the far distance a head, stands the noble Cock's Comb, lit up in the glowering rays of the setting sun, a beautiful sight, of a purplish metallic lustre.

2. IV Left Villavieja's Brown Rooster at 6 A.M. Companies at 9 for fee 10.45 - for breakfast in sight of Glen Connor, reaching it at 11.45 - where J.S. paid his bullock price for £13.13 & sent off the skin for J.H.P. to Port C. for 1/6. Companies to give the mules drink at the dams. Passed Gertenbacher's Hotel & Store at 1.45 - On going Williams had lost 70 head of cattle & some hundred goats from the drought.

in found he was an old fellow train passenger to Port E
whom I had spoken to for his language. I gave him from
the coast saw B. had the flag & The place seemed beset with
Kaffirs men & women in various stages of dress or undress
from a girdle of tiger-cat tails & a handful of sticks or spears
to a woe Karof necklace of small ivory teeth & little
collar of beads. Babies slung at their backs in a shawl
looking quite contented all in a lump. Passed Kom's
hotel at 2.30. Outfanned at 3.15 till 4.15 for a cup of
coffee & a biscuit and at 7 P.M. reached Paarde Poorte
hotel just 1 hour after the telegraph. Quite dark.
The road most of the way was thro. a narrow defile or
ravine rather than a valley but a complete mountain
trap with precipitous sides inhabited by vultures
which looked down upon us occasionally.

J.S. went to bed without any supper so wished to delay
journeying on in the morning till & being desirous
of reaching Jansonsville tomorrow night on acct.
of a meeting partly fixed expects to leave me
lumbering on with the coach & go forward with our
host in a Cape Cart for 40/- or 50/-

3.14 I set out at 8 & in 10 minutes J.S. passed me by at a
"rapid rate" & was out of sight in a minute. At five
1/- for a glass of water refused

Jenonsville

There fell what I called a slight shower but our host said it was only mountain mist or drizzle & was going to be a hot day & this was an indication. At 9.30 passed the Coffee Saagté (Ladag). At 11.30 reached the Klipp or Grey Stone Tentspanned hill & foriffin & the water proprietors of the dam sent a man to claim 1/4 for the mules drinking. It was very hot & Abdul had sprained his foot & had to go after the mules in his place. The thermometer in the shade but a fraction below 100°. Passed (Die Klippen) between 2 & 3 & did not know at the time it was the last come-at-able place for water & our casks were nearly empty. We drove by & as night came on looked in vain in the bed of the river for a water hole. Had to pass by the empty house at Fairview recently abandoned as a standing testimony of a dry & thirsty land where no water is. Had to pass on five miles further in the dark to Jenonsville reaching it at 7.20 drawing up before the J. R. Foster Mullers house but all was quiet. I heard J.S.'s voice in the dark over the way so got a wash outside the coach by the stable yard & put on a clean collar & superintended the mules & then walked towards the vestry & presented myself where the conclave were talking over a satisfactory (included meeting).

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3. IV
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Jansonsville Pure Hottentots

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I went in to the parsonage & saw the little bed which I offered to share with me but as we should both have been so uncomfortably hot in this clay of an oven like atmosphere we walked over to the hotel and engaged bed for me, then back to the parsonage for supper which I felt really famished for now I am back again at eleven o'clock writing up my journal for the two past days as well as I can.

I sent Abdul to ask the road of man near by who told me "he asked me who I was driving sir, I told him it was the priest's sir." Then said the man "you are expected at the Kirk tonight"

Mr. Muller has but one small maid whose parents I hear are perfectly pure Hottentots. They are much lighter in colour than the Kaffirs or Bosanians & have not the thick lips of those tribes & have more comely regular features. The eyes are a long oval. Jansonsville has about 150 inhabitants & perhaps about 30 families. A jail with about 20 pure Hottentot prisoners in it, whom I saw in their chains mending the roads with a coloured sentinel over them resting on his gun. Mr. Muller says one of them who had been in prison four times

Jansonsville

to'til he'd he did not at all object to being in prison for he got well fed & if he was set to pull a heavier load in the cart than he liked to he had only to sham he could not do it & it got lightened

4. IV My hotel people were making no signs of breakfast & as it was not to be ready until nine I went over to the Parsonage & had it at 9.30 for 8. The hotel lady was of Jewish extraction born in the Minorities the aristocrat of the place & can not sign her own name. I got a Brothman's shoe here

After breakfast the bible as somewhat usual, was set before J. Sharp, who read the last chapter of the Hebrews, first saying, he felt thankful for the kindness we had experienced under this roof & hoped that the intercourse, social, religious would tend to the quickening of the higher life - the inner life. And after ward prayed for the household absent & present one & now who is at college training for the ministry & who, unlike his father, is a rector taller, & tells his mother he stands fire, when his associates saunt him for taking no drink, because his mother does not. We left Jansonsville at 9.30, forage having been a free gift with a good white loaf for ourselves

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Simpsons Hotel

We rode over a long road through interminable carti
prickly pears & Kaffir aloes with here & there the bushes
of the Spec-boom whose decoction has the reputation
of being good for leprosy according to our friend
Dr. Leach, until we came to David Hobsons farm
garden & dam where at 2.30 we outspanned, dined
off a tin of tongue ham & chicken bread & 4 cups
& thirsty after that the thermometer showing about 90°
in the shade & a hot breeze blowing clouds of dust
from the road side. Whilst the mules were being
inspanned we called & sat awhile with D. Hobson &
his wife who are of English parentage & Wesleyans
they asked us to stay the night but acknowledged
we must push on if we wanted to be in Graaf
Reynet early in the day of day after tomorrow
Then asked us to remember them if we returned
their way. We fed our mules on a bundle of oats each
& bot. 20 away with us at 4/- each. Leaving at 4.30
& at 6.30, after sun down, came to Simpsons hotel
& dam which is sometimes dry when he has to lead
water from a river 4 miles away. (Zornaghe Riv)
We had but a poor
supper tho the tea was middling. Two young lame
spring bucks were jumping about the farm splendidly.

Quarrelwood Sulphur Wells or Powder Fountain

It was dark but finely star light when we left Simpson's this morning at 5.30 who charged us 4/- ea. for our supper of bread & sour wheat rancid & strong curdies & butter but the tea was palatable. We camped at Hilt's river in a meadow. The river was paved over level narrow with sad traces of the late draught - dead carcasses of deer & horses by the score their bones bleaching in the sun flaking them on all sides at the rate of 4 a minute. The river we reached Powder Fountain (Sulphur Wells) where we had a room partly used as a dressing place for rheumatic affections, & our spacious bedroom had a bathroom communicating with it. We had travelled about 30 miles since morning & have 7 miles to get over before reaching our home. Our pack horse has just dropped his 80 cartouches & gathered 700 lb. weight of feathers from the trees - a heavy cliff.

5. IV We reached our home at 10.30. The house is a fine one & we were 10 miles from the river. The house has been up 48 1/2 years without being touched. We have not till now had any water but we have now. I have a farm at Hilt's river & other 3 miles to the right of which we camped yesterday morning. The meadows with a fine view of water

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6. IV
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Graaffreinet

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we arrived at Graaffreinet this evening, now when we are
at sea here we had before us a rich. The
quarrel with the King's Government of the
most a read a few resistance when the remarks
run down the ice with a number of men
from the house of Graaffreinet to the mountain farm.
Cassheaves are here 1/6 per bundle & on paying our hotel
bill the landlord remitted 12/6 from the amount of
£2.12.6 "on acct. of the special object of the journey"
We arrived in Graaffreinet after only a couple of
hours riding crossing the river with only a slight
perceptible trickling of water here & there from
its quiet pools - Two weeks ago it came down
a rushing torrent, as did the Swartkops, like a
wall four feet high pushing everything before it.
Before reaching Graaffreinet & soon after leaving
Powder Fountain on our right to the East in the far
distance is the second mountain peak in
So. Africa the Naude's Berg 8000 ft. odd of the Swart
Berg range & on the left or West is a remarkable
profile as of a man laid on his back the pre-
hensile nose mouth & chin being perfect in outline.
A number of small tufts beset the coast

Graaffreinet

The Conjaap Berg, variously estimated between 8,000 & 10,000 ft. high is considered the highest and will be in the line of our journey north some hours. As directed we drove through the Main Street till we came to the old Landrost's house now a hotel, on our left, & at the right turned where there is a dam & some trees along a short street full in front of which & facing the Landrost's house is the D. R. Parsonage, where we drew up and were welcomed by Charles Murray as old friends. We needed no one to tell us who he was as the voice face & manner brought a vivid recollection of his brothers to our minds. The coach was taken into the yard, forage got for the mules, our luggage taken into our room & soon we were introduced to his wife & mother over a cup of tea handed to us by his eldest daughter a girl of abt. 17. They have 8 children: an active youngster soon climbed the box of our coach & came down quicker than he got up with a cut on the eye-brow as the result. We called on the R. Magistrate but the house was shut up. We out for a drive & we returned a little before six & took a walk

world at large, what kind of work may be expected of him. In a book just published under the title of "Tsunigoan, the Supreme Being of the Khoi-khoi," he has not only collected the most curious fragments of the religion and mythology of the Hottentot tribes, but he has made for the first time a bold attempt at supplying a truly scientific explanation of the myths and legends of savage races. The name Hottentot, or Hüttentüt, was given by the Dutch to the yellowish race of men with whom they first became acquainted near the Cape of Good Hope. Dapper, in 1670, writes that the name was given by the Dutch to the natives on account of the curious clicks and harsh sounds in their language, and that the same word is applied in Dutch to one who stammers and stutters. In the "Idioticon Hamburgense" (1755) Hüttentüt is given as a term of reproach for a physician, our "quack." These so-called Hottentots, however, call themselves by a much grander name, Khoi-khoi, i.e., men of men; and they draw a sharp line between themselves and the Bushmen (Bosjesmen), whom they call Sà-n, and reckon as lower almost than dogs. Nevertheless Dr. Hahn is convinced that the Khoi-khoi and the Sà were originally one race, and spoke originally one language, but while the former led a pastoral and agricultural life, the latter always remained hunters. Such is the influence of life on language, that while all the Khoi-khoi tribes can, to a certain extent, converse together, the dialects of the Sà or Bushmen differ widely from each other, and the tribes speaking them have long ceased to be mutually intelligible. Dr. Hahn states that in the Khoi-khoi idioms the root is monosyllabic and ends in a vowel, the grammatical articulation taking place by means of pronominal suffixes. The Sà dialects, on the contrary, have no such formative elements, their roots seem often polysyllabic, and the whole language bears clear traces of violent phonetic decay and grammatical confusion. Yet Dr. Hahn feels convinced that the language of the Sà or Bushmen stands to that of the Khoi-khoi in the same relation as English does to Sanskrit—a comparison, we venture to think, not very flattering to the English. The Khoi-khoi have a very perfect decimal system of numbers, while the Bushmen have long been quoted as having no numerals at all, beyond two or three. Dr. Hahn, however, discovered among the Ai-Bushmen numerals up to twenty. The Khoi-khoi have the curious system of calling all sons after their mother, all daughters after their father. The eldest daughter was highly respected, and the milking of the cows was entirely left to her. It is well known that in Sanskrit also the daughter is called "duhitar," the milker, from "duh," to milk, the Greek *θυγάτηρ*, and our own "daughter." Dr. Hahn quotes a little song addressed to the eldest daughter:—

My lioness,
Art thou afraid that I shall bewitch thee?
Thou milkest the cow with a soft hand.
Bite me (i.e. kiss me)!
Pour for me milk!
My lioness,
Great man's daughter.

Dr. Hahn gives many more illustrations of the daily life, the customs, social distinctions, occupations, and amusements of the Khoi-khoi, or Hottentots, and certainly, amongst much that seems strange and even repulsive, he discloses many sweet and redeeming features in their wild character. So it always is and will be, when a man who can speak the language of so-called savages watches their daily life, and is able to observe their real motives for good or evil. In this respect also the Chair of South African Philology at Capetown will, it is to be hoped, bear good fruit. It will excite not only a scientific, a philological, or craniological interest in the yellow and black races who are brought in daily contact with their white rulers, but it will show that, in spite of many differences, there is a common ground between them and ourselves. They have a religion less dogmatic than ours, but often, it seems, marvellously practical. They have traditions, legends, poetry, they have refined feelings and a warm heart. If Dr. Hahn in his lectures succeeds in exciting some kindly sympathies among his hearers in Hottentots, Bushmen, or Kafirs, the liberality of the Government in endowing his Chair will have been amply repaid.

prosperity, and that he felt con-
sideration and stability.

A ST. PETERSBURG telegram announces the resignation of General Tcherevin as Assistant-Minister of the Interior. He retains his post in the suite of the Emperor and in the Cavalry of the Guard.

INTELLIGENCE received at Labreez from Meshed, to the 14th ult., announces that 2,500 Russian infantry, 500 cavalry, sixteen guns, and 400 artillery horses, with a large supply of military stores, had arrived at Askabad in order to reinforce the garrison at that place, which had consequently been raised to 8,000 men of all arms. A small force had advanced 16 versts east of the last outpost in the direction of Merv. It is also reported from Bokhara that the Russians have prohibited, under penalty of confiscation, the importation of European merchandise and opium by way of Khorassan.

A SITTING of the Russo-Turkish Commission was held in Constantinople yesterday. The Ottoman delegates stated that the Council of Ministers had come to a decision favourable to the Russian wording of the draft of the stipulation relating to guarantees for the collection of revenues to be ceded to Russia. The same telegram states that the Sultan has summoned a number of Pashas to meet in council at the Palace to discuss the situation of the empire. A delayed telegram says the Sultan will shortly grant an audience to Lord Dufferin with respect to reforms in Armenia.

THE King and Queen of Spain arrived in Lisbon yesterday, on a visit to the King and Queen of Portugal. The streets from the Station to the Palace were crowded, and their Majesties had a warm reception from the people.

A MADRID telegram says it is hoped that the Treaty of Commerce between France and Spain will be concluded on the 15th inst.

It is reported that smallpox is alarmingly on the increase in the principal cities of the United States.

PRINCE LEOPOLD left Buckingham Palace yesterday evening for Waldeck, where it is stated that his visit will be somewhat long.

YESTERDAY the Empress Eugénie passed through Portsmouth on her way to Osborne. She was received in Portsmouth Dockyard by Princess Beatrice, who returned to the Isle of Wight in the Alberta.

MR. and MRS. GLADSTONE left Downing-street yesterday afternoon for Hawarden.

THE remains of the late Mr. Bernal Osborne were interred yesterday at Bestwood, near Nottingham.

It is announced that Sir John Holker has been appointed to succeed the late Sir Robert Lush as Lord Justice of Appeal.

THE contest for the North Riding is being carried on with vigour by both political parties. Yesterday Mr. Rowlandson, the Liberal candidate, addressed large meetings at Middlesbrough, Loftus, Guisborough, and Saltburn. He expounded his views on the important questions which are now agitating the public mind, and his audiences were

with him. Votes

The Church Missionary Society

Victoria Nyanza Mission

at the North end of the Lake in King Mtesa's land
Ukhwaha



The London Missionary Society's

Lake Tanganyika Mission

is at Ujiji

(R. Arthington's £5000)

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A. W. Dodgson

Here naval officer 1877

Hutley mechanic

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E. J. Southon 1879 Doctor

The Scotch Established Church Miss. Society

Blantyre Mission

(After Livingston's Birth place)

is on the Lake Nyassa and 180 miles south
of Livingstonia M. S. On high & open ground
wood & water plentiful. Henderson, president.
Mogomero the old station of Bishop Mackenzie
is one days march distant

The Scotch Free Church M. S.

Livingstonia Mission

is at the South end of Lake Nyassa
at the NW corner of Cape Mc'Ear where
Mapunda is the Chief.

Dr. Stewart
Dr. Lawe

These three Societies made friendly arrangements
& divided the Lakes & district between them.

Livingston died on Lake Bangweulu
on May 1st 1863 (Banks of Mbolilamu)

United Methodist Church
in the Gallas

The Protestant Mission
in the River Congo

The Church Mission Society
pushing up the River to Eastern
Branch of the Congo to occupy
the country between the
Zaire and the Equator

(The Secret Churches have established
missions on Lake Nyassa)

The L. M. S. have two Stations among
the the Matibele tribes

Inyati established 1859 by ^{Wm} Sykes, ¹⁸⁵⁸

Thomas + R. Moffat

Wm (Sykes & Elliot now for 20 years past ^{no conversion}
^{Wm A Elliot 1876}

Hope Fountain

Thompson

50 miles from Inyati

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College at Stellenbosch



Portrait of Mrs. Mary Smith
by W. A. G. Smith - 1877

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into the garden & orchard & eat a few bunches of the 'crystal grape' called in Europe Calabrian raisin. We then discussed major routes which was also continued after supper & arranged meetings. Letters were waiting from J.H. Jan Simey & Cap. Mill of the Colonial Office with a further batch of introductory letters to C.C.'s & R.M.'s & a telegram from the Governor Sir Bartle Frere.

7^{IV} After breakfast J.S. C.M. & I walked as far as the (2 R Church) together where C.M. left us for his early service & we called on Green the Wesleyan minister who during the visit of Jas Backhouse & Geo W. Walker entertained them at his house in & expressed himself warmly toward them speaking highly of the time as one of spiritual refreshment & strengthening to many & especially so to his first wife since deceased. We walked together to his chapel where the sermon portion was readily granted to J. Sharp who at its close was desired to take the afternoon one also but this could not be, owing to a previous engagement to be at the (D.R.Ch. with the Dutch speaking portion of C. Murrays congregation where about 500 assembled in the spacious building C.M. interpreting for J.S. with deep feeling & solemnity. J.S. also

A large Meeting in Graaffreinet

addressed the Sunday School in the Ch. shortly before I was attentively listened to by the young people & their teachers. After the afternoon service we called on the R. M. Hudson who we have readily taken the chair at the bible meeting tomorrow night but his court duties take him out of town. We next called on (Durant Philips) ^{Congregational} ~~independent~~, I spent a pleasant five minutes with him his wife & three daughters & one son the youngest. ^{The wife's maiden name was Hughes daughter of Mr. Moffatt's fellow labourer & Jas. Blackhumb's friend}

In C. M's Church this evening after the opening hymn the rest of the period was allotted to F. S. who had a full & free service to perform to a congregation of between 500 & 600 quite the largest we have met so far in South Africa. Prayer was offered in the vestry before going in on this occasion by by F. S. & in the afternoon by Chas. M. no interpretation was needed. Last Ch. in Rev. read by F. S. himself after hymn

8. IV At 8 this morning F. S. addressed the young ladies at the Seminary at the time of their usual morning devotion reading & speaking to them from the 17th Ch. of the 1st John. We are invited to take tea with them this evening in conversation afterwards one of the teachers Sabra types said but are you going to New England that is the question I am from there & I want you to see my friends I have been



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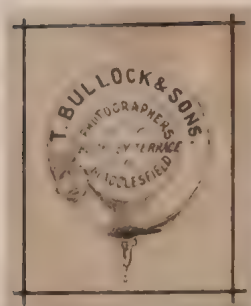
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here two years & not seen any of them

We called again on the Philips. Talked about routes for a short time & saw the wife of her husband when Durand Philips accompanied us to the goal where about 70 prisoners one a white man for the murder of his father are confined & of them being women. They were almost entirely all Kaffirs or natives of some sort. Durand Philips interpreted in two of the wards what F.S. addressed to them into Dutch, which all understood sufficiently. They were told that there was a worse bondage than that of prison walls - the bondage of sin, & exhorted to turn to Christ for deliverance from it &c. Also that he loved them but not their sins. We saw their rations for dinner 1 lb of meat boiled to 10 oz wt. & 2 lbs of mealies, with the soup. We then called at the post office & I rec'd a letter ^{mail} forwarded from Graham's Town by H. King. At four we were driven round the town by Chas Murray this wife's brother & Mr. Bailor the Telegraph official. First two unsuccessful calls on gentlemen to take the chair at the Bible meeting at night & succeeded in enlisting the services of a member of the legislative assembly Mayor of the town Mr. Le Water. We next visited the excellent little library & promising botanic

Graaff Reinet. Tea at the Seminary
gardens, where a number of young trees are reared ready
for transplanting to a distance

Graaff Reinet is on a level - the old bed of a large
river - surrounded by mountains in the form of
a horse-shoe, with the Zondag river near it to be
crossed four times. It has 4000 inhabitants in the town.
We next had to hurry to the Seminary in time for
tea the bell ringing, before we got to the garden gate.
Mr Murray said such was their order & punctuality
they would not wait for us. We just managed however
to be in time to enter the tea room together. I sit down
with 40 of the young ladies & their teachers arranged
round three large oval tables. I took in, & sat down at, the
table of miss Sabra Ayres from Amherst Mass. The principal
miss Ayres is now S. H. J. Sharp sat at her table at the
chief end of the room & C. Murray at the other one parallel
with mine. Conversation flowed freely at my most
table more from her free & charming powers than mine.
The information she was bent on gleaning. I left my
autograph book with them for the double purpose of their
having time to see their friends names at leisure & of
inserting their own. We had to leave the table & go straight
to the C. D. R. Ch. to the Bible Society Meeting to be there

Graaff Reinet - The Bible Society Meeting

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in the vestry beforehand for preliminary arrangements. It was a good meeting & £8.12.6 collected for the parent society altho a many of the Dutch speaking portion were absent from a mistake. After the preliminary openings I was the first to speak giving the statistics & working of the Parent Society. Sharp followed at some length with plenty of northern anecdotes & was listened to with great attention. Durant Philipe

Independent L.M.S. Green, Wesleyan & Staveler the Episcopalian minister. Hast but not least Chas Murray with L. Water for chairman were amongst those who took a part. The Raffer edition of the scriptures shortly to reappear was spoken of as greatly wanted.

It was voted that the Smouldering Society which once existed should be reorganised as an auxiliary in connexion with Cape Town - to which quarter their contributions seem to lie more than to their own Eastern Province. Port Elizabeth C. M. said.

9. IV We had a call from Staveler this morning who is a Yorkshireman & very hearty for an English Rectar but the colonial life has an expanding & widening effect! He does not like the restraint of home city life but prefers to live here where he knows every one passing his door.

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Graaff Reinet. Engagement in Durant Philips Ch.

Everyone knows him. C. M. performed a marriage in his drawing room directly after a 7 o'clock breakfast as the young couple wished privacy. Had to travel home in a carriage a many hours. He had to leave home for a distant sphere with one of his Deacons at 11 o'clock. In our taking leave I still hold of J.S.'s hand & said I am so thankful to God for your visit & for the meetings on Sunday & for the Bible Meeting of last night; God be with you to both of us at the last shake.

We next went with Durant Philips to inspect his charge, who said, I wish you were going to stay longer for I have the charge of three churches. - He carries on the most important mission work in the town. This school with good coloured teachers is divided into three grades.

One of the churches of which he is occasional pastor is owned by the Coloured people themselves by right of purchase.

At 6.30 the usual weekly bible class to his congregation was set apart after a hymn & prayer for J.S.'s exercise when about 250 attentively listened to his address followed by prayer. We adjourned to the house close by & were entertained to supper being waited on by (a) Philip - two youngest daughters & son W^m. The party consisting of Miss Tyers Miss Ayers from the Seminary at G.F. & Miss Wells from the Wellington one

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Graaff Reines Sea Supper at (Durant Philip's B. A. London)

who has changed places with Miss Murray for 3 months
Green & his wife & Campbell & his wife

Campbell is the School-master who for 30 years past
has regularly devoted himself to Sunday mission service
at the goal. He lamented the want of a suitably large room
for the whole number 74 to be assembled in together
So has to take the wards in alternate weeks. We had
a pleasant conversational evening with a religious
engagement & prayer before separating. And Durant
Philip read a Poem of Pringles in Chambers Encyclo-
pædia of English Literature ^{Vol. II} on the African (I sort
of ^{Star the} ~~Hotel~~ ^{Solitary} ^{Slave} ^{bride} ^{Wild} in the desert with the Bush boy alone by my side"
which is a truly descriptive piece of some of the
Karoo wastes we have passed over. Green on his
knees gave thanks for the refreshing memory of the
visit of the former Friends. As B & W & also for the
visit of the present Friends which would be long rem-
embered as a sweet refreshing from the Lord. & Philip
said at parting O I shan't say farewell now I shall
come to see you off in the morning

10. TV The Smith who has been doing pretty nearly a days
work at the Coach will not take payment for the same
but ~~will not take payment for the same~~ would

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like a book as a remembrance His great interest was in the Bible Meeting which he attended & enjoyed altho he could only speak Dutch but then as he said my woman told me all about it. We gave him a book Moffatt's S. A. Some tracts too explaining to him what it was about could not make him understand & he shut it up saying I will take it to my wife & she will tell me what it says.

Another Smith who shod the mules charged 2/6 a shoe or 10/- a mule £4 the lot & says it will be 13/- per set of four shoes a little further northward says it only just pays him with the price of coals at 15/- per 100 lbs Four simple blocks of poplar wood for the brake cost 12/-

Parting salutations over we left the hospitable roof of Cha^l Murray ^{at 9.30} in company with Durant Philip the Congregational Minister who kindly rode a few miles with us showing us the road towards Murrayburg & walked back. He was anxious to render us any assistance in his power His wife made us some sweet cakes for the journey & the two Mrs Murray gave us fresh butter a great luxury a cake & bread. The road was ascending & at 12 o'clock we had travelled only 8 or 9 miles, past the Travellers Rest Hotel kept by Smith at the top of a high ^{hill}

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A night in a Thunder Storm - at Doorn Plaats
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but at the foot of the Oudberg mountain I outspanned
for $1\frac{3}{4}$ hours. Went over Oudberg & reached the top at the hotel
at 3 o'clock travelling on over a comparatively level table
land till 5.30 when rain coming on & finding no house
near & only half an hour to sink down we made all
haste & outspanned for the night. ^{at Doorn Plaats on Thorne Flats} J.S. choosing his tent
to sleep in. There was no time to get mine up also & I took
to the coach. We got fire lighted fried some ham & made
coffee & eat with it some of Mr Murray's bread & some
of Mrs Phillips' rusk. The rain increasing all the
while. The mules were well fastened under some
mimosa trees & had their provender in a portable
sail cloth manger. The dry bed of a stream separating
them & us in which I gathered sticks for our camp fire.
J.S. in his tent read the evening chapter & we shook
hand for the night & it was not long before I heard that
he was asleep. I was too wakeful in the midst of the
bursting storm which soon came in all its fury. The
lightning flashed again & again with vivid forks.
The thunder rolled & pealed with tremendous cracks and
explosions, the rain descended in torrents & the dry bed
of the stream was soon (at 6 o'clock) a rushing foaming
torrent. The storm came & lulled & came again but towards

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a quarter to six in the morning the clouds suddenly dispersed & exhibited a little daylight I called up the two sleeping drivers in the side tent of the coach & in half an hour we had a boiling kettle & hot coffee
 11. IV At a quarter to 9 we were all ready inspanned but with clogging wheels & muddy roads could not travel up the continuing steep ascent more than 2 miles an hour. After an outspan at the foot of the hill we reached the Hotel at Laur Porte about 3 P.M. kept by Smith. The aneroid shows 5000 ft. ascended which is 1000 ft. since yesterday. We feel we are on high ground by the bracing air. This hotel & the surrounding mountains remind me of the spot occupied by the Cat & Fiddle Inn on the Maulefield Buxton moors only here it is thousands of ft. instead of hundreds. These mountains of the Snow Berg range sometimes have snow on them & often it is so cold at night as to ~~require~~ ^{make} two blankets wanted even in the height of summer. The landlord says it is the coldest place in S. Africa. From this level of 5000 ft. is seen a few miles ahead Snowberg itself a peaked pyramid considerably higher than the surrounding mountains. *July 1875*

We are told again & again our 8 mules have too much to carry

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Snow Berg at no 12 1878

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Murraysburg

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Up & dressed by candle light & left Luur Poort at 6.40
commencing a gradual descent till at 9.15 when we out-
spanned for breakfast till 11 we had according to the barometer
descended some 800 ft. Our hotel tea & coffee was cool, & so it
was at our outspanning, I did not think of it all at once
that our 4000 to 5000 feet of elevation was the cause of it
I knew the kettle boiled & boiled over but before it could be
drunk it was cool. I from the effects I once or twice thought
Abdol had poured the water on without letting it boil.
At 1.15 we outspanned again foriffin till 3 about a mile
beyond the foot of the high treaked ^{Spitz Kopf of the} Snowberg mountain ^{range.}
Our camping ground would be about 4000 ft high & it towered
up at least 2 or 4. more a shurdy pyramid. We reached
Murraysburg about 4 in the afternoon where it was pleasant
to find that we were expected at the house of the (D R Ch
minister A A Louw whose wife is one of the Murrays
I old Mr M. had written. The father we knew ~~would~~
was to be absent at induction at Pimura W. but expected to
see his wife, who also was absent but on J. S. presenting
the letter he had with him, he was informed by the eldest
of the family a young lady of 17. & a small boy that all
was arranged & we were expected to take up our quarters
at the parsonage & soon our coach occupied a good portion
- Murraysburg I all says is only 400 miles from Cape Town. -

Thermo at 6 A.M. 50° - at 9 A.M. 57°

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of the space in their yard. As we had come along & were looking ahead at the town J.S. remarked on being told that the house we were bound for was opposite the church 'the times are rather altered since the days of Geo. Fox when two Quakers travelling are looking out for the Church roover. We spent most of the evening till supper time in conversation with Frederick Murray son of prof. M. of Stellenbosch who keeps a school here with an assistant. Victor is going to Edinburgh this year's end to finish studying. The name of the place is derived from two names Murray & Burger who both were promoters of its settlement & relations Graaff Reinet was from the names of husband & wife same as Stell en Bosch - Stell & Bosch for Stellenbosch.

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VII J.S. addressed 2 prisoners in the goal this morning. In the evening about 200 assembled in the D R Church at our request for a Bible Society Meeting resulting in the organization of a committee & formation of an auxiliary Society for Murraysburg & the collection of £ to be sent to Cape Town for the parent society. Excepting for the preliminaries there were no speakers but J. Sharp & myself & Fredk. Murray interpreted for both of us. Some of the principal inhabitants allowed their names to be recorded as members of the committee.

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In the Q. R. Ch. this morning one of the wardens named
 Joubert in the absence of Mr. Louw went through the pre-
 scribed formularies & read a printed sermon afterwards
 giving up his place at the table to Isaac Sharp who
 beckoned me out of the pew & sat on one side of him while
 Frederick Murray was on the other ready to interpret.
 Mr. J. first informed them it was the custom of the society
 to which we belonged to commence & end our meetings
 in silence, & endeavouring to feed after the presence and
 help of the Holy Spirit: inviting the assembly to do the same.
 They settled down into a solemn stillness only broken by his
 own sermon delivered in his usual telling manner, &
 afterwards by prayer & soon Joubert resumed his seat &
 gave out a hymn & pronounced the blessing. Immediately
 after this the young people assembled in the middle of
 the street & listened attentively to a very nice & interesting
 address from Mr. Sharp. We took a little walk round the
 boundary of the village before dinner & after it visited
 Barend S. Sinaar's the young missionary's Sunday
 school, consisting of classes of the youngest little blacks,
 some older ones & a large proportion of adults, two or three
 of whom were aged. Mr. Sharp, according to invitation
 addressed them & B. P. afterwards in allusion thereto said

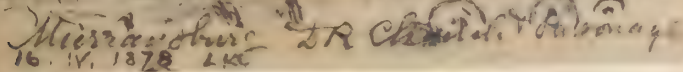
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He believed it would be a permanent blessing to them. In the evening there was only service as usual in the Mission Ch. H. Sharp had an opportunity of relieving his mind to them tho. it was laborious work owing to imperfect interpretation but willingly given by B. P. for the first time. At supper time I asked did any of those well dressed Kaffirs come out of those dirty looking hovels of mud huts? Oh yes was the reply, but many of the huts are kept clean & tidy & quite a pattern even to our houses & some of the blacker people Kaffirs you saw at the right hand in the Ch. take quite a pride in keeping themselves clean & tidy. J. S. smiled & said my friend is ready to enquire can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? It was suggested that we visit one; I said I should like to my only draw-back being I was afraid I should come out all peppered. Which elicited a general smile as tho. they thought it possible.

15. ^{II}IV This morning was mostly spent in visiting the School for girls managed by the two sisters Haupt (Hope) & the one for boys by F. Murray & an assistant. In the afternoon the Coloured School of B. Piensars congregation where one little black Kaffir girl showed considerable powers.

The Gr. off Keiser Herald of April 10 contains an account of our visit there

visited some Kaffir huts & saw many more than I gave in my paper. I saw some of the Kaffirs



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Murrayburg - A Meeting with the English Speaking Union.

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" There are a number of the inhabitants of the village of Murrayburg who hearers & others not well conversant with such men are not in the habit of attending the service & an opportunity being offered to F. J. with these in the S. & R. Ch. he gladly embraced it when about 7 o'clock a number who seemed well mixed with his address, it was as F. Murray remarked an affecting meeting. F. J. himself read the Ep. on Colopians touching on the divinity of Christ which was largely his theme. He afterwards heard that there was a young Jew present. He first explained to them our views with regard to idolatry & then a hymn was sung at his desire. Concluded out soon after 9 P.M. A. A. & his wife arrived in their cart drawn by mules & came 8 or 60 miles with one pair of horses. Being desirous of a native should not have left their roof before meeting them & in conducting the family devotions returned thanks for this safe journey & being permitted to find all well & the privilege of meeting with the friends from a far country; he with them wherever they go helps them in whatsoever they do or pay for them, &c.

16. IV Sunday within made an error in the English S. & R.

He addressed the family young & old in a very plain manner with exhortation & counsel & for

Ries Tonkin - Vande Merwe's

rise a v m m v v, I reach the height of 30 feet or more
 18. IV The Vande Merwes father & son have a large farm
 of about 24,000 acres more or less, and are not
 of any great credit or position owing to the drought from
 which some ten thousand are upwards of 2000 people
 The eldest son is married living in the house which
 is a good large one, another son is a minister some
 distance off. They informed us they had read in
 the papers from time to time of our proceedings
 since arrival in Cape Town & expressed much
 Christian interest & on the evening the eldest son
 who was to pay for our 20 candles of oil value
 at a many shillings, he insisted, saying we
 must not work in the house where our father is
 who said I should not take anything at all
 from you who are on such a journey as this
 morning, & his son Christ. They knew I & Harriet
 had been with us & asked why he had left us, & the
 same of Radloff. This point we could not discuss from
 Murrayburg much at the usual rate of 6 miles per hour
 by post cart with frequent fresh horses, we left it 2nd mile
 we were left if them men after breakfast & reached
 Richmond at 2.30 P.M. having our baggage midway

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Richmond

For a couple of hours for a to make a fine day for
 them as made a rain of rain at the sea side
 here still at Richmond town. Wind S.W. by N. & light &
 the sea fair. Bar fair of the day with a tracing dry
 Scotch air thermometer 67° at nine A.M.

Our driver immediately drove up before the Advocate's
 house, & at the door stepped out & immediately gave
 us a warm welcome, saying we were welcome as his name
 was & I have the pleasure of meeting Mr. Smith.
 It arranged a place for night in the Scotch mission
 "house" in the morning on with the English having
 communion, being seen with us in his car & wine when
 in the various houses with cold introduction to people
 of distinction in the place. Took us to his large garden
 & recreation, saw where every all the various had
 been situated by himself & cared for. & it would
 have been a house however some of the use of it
 in a morning of a very large & a very large
 Scotch mission of the new stone & also a number in
 other towns are small ones occupied only as the
 work and in the same way as the same being at
 considerable distances often more than a day's travel
 & require a house to shelter them in winter & summer

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the Sundays service or the fortnightly Sacrament (Sacrament) when they sometimes make a day of two or three days. They are coming in town today because tomorrow is Good Friday there is no service.

According to the last report Richmond is only 40 or 42 miles from Murray'sburg - 6 miles an hour but we are finding our progress on the average is no more than half that rate or 3 miles to the hour. That with two outspans of one hour each for rest & refreshment we cannot expect to travel more than about 21 miles a day - say between 7:30 A.M. & 3:30 P.M. 18. IV At the meeting for the English between 50 & 60 attendees Salis also St. gave account of the Bible Society account which produced 24/6. Over the school here Mrs. Mills, resides who is from Yorkshire & known M.K. in this wife the magistrate. called (who belongs partly to Carnarvon) & kindly went with us to the goal & hospital & introduced us to Sergeant brother of Sir David of Cape Town. He is, not master and telegraphist & gave information as a Kuruman note. At the evening service conclusion St was a holy interpreter for by Dr Holzé who got his present &

Black Fontaine de Nigri.

After journeying for 22 hours about our own trail we took a turn to the right which seemed to be the main road & outspanned by a deep Fontaine away from the road at 10.45 till 11.45 - supposing it to be our desired spot but finding it was a colored man we should have taken the left side of the road but had already gone on now to the right. The man which took us to a garden used to be there as much as now because it was soft & sandy & there a path through. He saw many hundreds of spring birds come crossing the water right in front of us. It was 6.30 & dark before we were at the Fontaine where no refuge being within the house room for ourselves we tied the mules with a rope we had brought with us in case of such an emergency and awaited the rising of the moon till 8.30 morning. At the Fontaine about ten where we pitched our tents in the light of the moon & arranged our bedding which took up about an hour; then with a good fire began from sticks collected after our last encampment, round fires of wood & cocoa burning in for the night we were rather comfortable. The latter cool, it became very cold in the night & our guards were in the sand as was a thick bread made of sack & sugar & large tubs of skin harp on the same hair matting. Sugar & coffee.

21. IV

Black River (Branch)

At 6:30, brought me a cup of coffee, very hot & the cup of tea which infused a little warmth into us. We got to the black river. The farmer & a boy, son of the same, came to see us. We did not see the house at night when we reached it. We did not having arrived at 10:00, we did not see them. Then invited us to go at once. Only the old man can speak a little English. At once the farmer asked for the bread of life in thanking for the food for the boys. Oranges will not grow with them they had one or two in flower in the window. No rain fall for 18 months.

22. IV. The morning at 7 AM 40° at sunset we left Dink Founin travelling over level plains surrounded by mountains covered with Karroo bushes & alkali yellow plants with here & there only a little patch of bar or vrap. At 9:45 till 12:15 camping for 2 1/2 hours. Had breakfast near (at) Founin. And near a bank of the Black River, camping again from 2:30 to 4:30 for our noon days meal. This river is sometimes so full & strong as to be impassable for days but from the recent rain has not had water in it for two years enough to wet above a horse's knee, but was perfectly dry when we crossed it & has been for a long time. 3 hrs. of an hour after sun-set we came to some huts

Then at 6.15 spoke with the farmer here who came
on with us in the coach a few minutes to his own house
& at once made us welcome for the night speaking
English very well, his name is J. J. H. Van Zyl. says
his place ~~was~~ but receives its name from a former
traders place by the tents. He has killed in the 15 years
of his residence here upwards of 120 panthers nearly
as many leopard. Large numbers of hyenas and
jackalls. 100 years ago a lion was seen here
There are no leopards here, they belong the George Town
district. Live in the mountains. Have black
coloured stripes on a cream skin. The quagga
(quarkka) has the same skin but the colour of
its stripes is between brown & yellow, neither
have horns. The quagga is more like a donkey
in appearance. The zebra like horse. There are
two sorts of quaggas. He lost 2000 sheep

23.10 Left Pinous ~~at~~ at nine after breakfast &
soon came upon thousands of string boks in
all directions as far as the eye could reach. To surprise
a cobra came out of the bush. To frighten the road
went at it with a six foot bamboo. I gave it one
rap & it raised itself up a foot or 18 inches &

It spread out its neck ahead as flat & broad as my hand ready for a spring but for a sure cracks disarticulated it & it ground its head in the dust with the rattle of the stick till it remarked there seems determine that the man of the serpent shall be done. When said up by me tip of the tail it reached from the ground to the top of my nose. We passed by Quagga fountain, & at 12.30 reached Spreew Fork where we outspanned the farmer Aric Ploemernus invited us to dinner & we remained till 2.40. He was a deeply religious minded man & said grace in a feeling manner had five days ago lost a child one & both he & his wife were sorrowful. He could speak a little English but the countess yet asked through her maid to receive something, meaning spiritual consolation or benefit, when she was directed to take her troubles to the Marquis. He telling her that men ever came in vain. He crossed the nearly dry bed of the Brack River a broad deep & no doubt often dangerous place to cross when flooded. Saw a number of quail somewhat tame

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Matjes Fontein

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At 4:20 shaped back Fontein leaving is on our right
At 5:40 reached Matjes Fontein where we find
a room used as a school room for the children
with one small bed in it & there I set up my
portable microscope &c. The farmer has a little
girl ill with fever & his mother from his gen-
eral appearance must have taken to
for a doctor for she now has him bringing
out his homeopathic cases & examining
the case every 15 minutes. Tho. no one of
them could speak English now we could yet
we managed together to be somewhat understood
with each knowing a word or two. The hearts of
all soon seemed to be drawn to the doctor, &
an infant was found to be unwell in the
same way. The farmer comes & takes over
my shoulder a child Sam writing. When
does the same to F. as she he had never
seen the operation before. When rests his
chin on his elbows close between us casting
an eye first at one & then the other. It was a
4:30 past, when the poor wife came & laid her hand
on my shoulder & said in a broken way words,

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Khinoster Berg T. on the R. R. to Foni

market came to the dinner: so we went and
sat down to a boiled lump of mutton of the African
fat rained nose, dry bread & grapes of water.
Bris Town is a new church town just formed
about three hours from here & is a small town with
Richmond lying to the east of it.

As on reaching Majis we joined the main road
that runs from Cape Town to the Richmond Fields
to a large brook & it is on the opposite bank
of which Majis house is built.

24. IV Left Majis at 7 A.M. Reached Khinoster F. at 9 & camped till about 11 for
breakfast. Our mules walked off almost out of sight
in the far distance so quickly as only to be seen in
time to get after them.

Yesterday we came in sight of Khinoster Berg &
Khinoster mountain from its resembling in shape
both back and front the animal which once
and its undisturbed home in these mountain
plains along with other animals now exten-
sive. We saw two ^{Gnus or Wilde Beest} of ~~these~~ in the short distance
standing, like cows together soon after passing
Bris Town which we reached about 12.30 and

found the farmer this morn^g just mounting their horses to hunt some ostriches they had lately seen & find their nests for the sake of the young birds whilst the old birds are off feeding. He only stopped a few minutes with him.

At 1:30 coming to a fine shed of water cattle (Dwarluinds) Tonth outspanned & gathered sticks, when a darru came to say this morn^g we did not allow of outspanning just thereabouts we must move nearer the cattle pens & there was a charge of a dollar 1/6 for the mules drinking. From the farmer by our request came & finding we were not the transport wagon as he supposed apologized & a little conversation set us on a very friendly footing & he removed the embargo. I took a cup of coffee with him. His name is, H.C. Van der Poel. I found he was a retainer of Dr. Kappers & son of Dr. Kappers & have as a name in S. (Lü) Vois of Kaffirs (Kam district of Koppa) town about 2 1/2 hours from Quagga Pan or (Berhalizer's) farm & hostelry which we reached just at sun down at 5:30 & so good quarters for the night. Van der Poel told us we would get no forage anywhere on the route.

until reaching Hope Town so we laid in a stock
of 40 bundles of oats at $\frac{1}{6}$ ea. weighing 8 lbs each
He also gave us some quinces & made a soap of
his own making with potash from the alkali
plant resembling English Samphire
which we see gathered in large quantities & dried
ready for burning for its good white ashes. Barley ^{50%} _{per mule}
saw a pair of Secretary birds & a pair of pheasants
herds of spring-boks without number
25. IV The 1st Quagga ran this morning at 9.15 after breakfast
there was charcoal 5/- a sack for chaff. In an hour we
passed Besse's Put & drove until we reached the dry bed of a
river well grown over with grass where we outspanned for the
mules to eat & rest some refreshment At 11.35 we passed the
dam of Paarde Put & turned off the most frequented road
to the westerly one leading to Kaffir Dam (i.e. Joit's) which
we reached at 3 P.M. Turned the mules out to eat the flower
stalks of the dead tufts of grass were more abundant than
we have noticed since leaving Hitenhage - that verdant place.
As we were approaching we saw Ben Joit sitting out in his
buggy driven by a boy to meet & bring home this a couple of
hours he remained with a very fine one. His mode is to drive
near the river & round them gradually drawing near and

as if they are all watching the buggy, and as it goes down on the opposite side the down for a while whilst it drives on then whilst their eyes are watching its progress he draws nearer & singles out his game; and as it is the evening time has killed one each day lately, this floor is carpeted with their skins.

He conducted the family devotions in a feeling manner (I don't forget reading then praying & afterwards hymns with harmonium by his eldest little girl on her holidays when school at Hope Town

He says there is no farm no houses or iron or water any kind between Hope Town & him - he has a very plentiful supply

26. IV Left On Soil of Kaffir Dam at 9 A.M. & received four skins of the Springbok as a present. Travelled over a good road for the first 12 miles & difficult sand for the last 6. We outspanned foriffin when two thirds of the way on for 2th hours and gathered some "grapple thorns" digging more than a spade deep for the end of the root fits dahlia like tubers. The plant grows on the ground like a diminutive water-melon the leaves bearing a considerable resemblance to seed case, is a congregation of the as like a dozen or two diminutive anchors united, they grapple fast hold of every thing.

Arrive in Hope Town

long touch. We saw several meyer cat, running & sitting upright like a small Kangaroo. Also many holes of ant verbe (ant pig) or ant eater (large enough in some instances for a man to creep into, & there's of spring bocks. Reached Hope Town about five & stopped at the house of W. S. Rossau the (D R) minister who at once came to the door & said he had been expecting us every day since Monday & was afraid we were not coming or some accident had happened as he had seen by the Richmond paper we had set out with the intention of visiting Hope Town. Our welcome was most hearty. He was formerly at Simon's Town & has only been here about five months, just about the same time that we have been in the colony.

Got a ~~muir~~ of barley for £2.10.0 & bale of chaff for 15/-
Had conversation with ^{Gillenfeld & Dymally} Lichen & the postkeeper about
the route to Kuruman about 200 miles north and
in the evening Mr Lowson called & went over the
route (which is not the direct line) he advises on
account of the greater supply of forage to be obtained
on the way. Also arrangement with our host about
services &c

Corrected

<u>Kurimoni Lo</u>	Hours	Miles	
Cu Fontein	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	9	Old F.
Verborgen F.	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	Unknown or birds on
Sterk F.	$\frac{3}{4}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Phong
Reel Font.	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	Two Springs
Imous Pori	2	12	Traders R.
Spreuw Font.	2	12	Sparrow F.
Sterk Font.	1	6	Pig F.
Matjes Font.	1	6	
Rhenoster F.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	9	Rhinoceros F.
Riet F. (De Rui)	1	6	
Wurlewins F.	$\frac{3}{4}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Whirlwind
Quagga Pan	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	9	
Besse's Put	1	6	
Paarde Put	1	6	Hoe Font.
Kaifers (dam)	$\frac{1}{2}$	3	
nothing between either farm or wall			
Hope Town	3	18	

Total hours = $23\frac{1}{2}$ = 138 Miles

Hope Town to Kuruman

182 miles = 320

Cape Town to		miles
Simons Town S.E. of C.T.	25-	25-
Return		25-
C.T. to Manure N of C.T.	40	40
Manure to Malmesbury		
M. to Wellington		
Breeders River Riv. Dr.		
Worcester	1	
Pearl	73	
Stellenbosch		

UNSECTARIAN MISSION

TO THE

AMACI KAFFIRS.

"Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God."—Ps. lxxviii. 31.

ABOUT two years ago Mrs. Clarke and I left England to help in forming a new mission among the Amagcalekas Kaffirs. The mission having been established, its founder, Major Malan, connected it with the United Presbyterian Church. Having joined the mission with the understanding that it was not to be associated with any particular denomination, we reluctantly withdrew from it when its character was thus changed, and we thought it right to adhere to our original purpose of working an unsectarian mission amongst the heathen, looking only to God for means to begin and carry it on.

Feeling sure that if our plans were for the glory of God, He would supply all our needs for the work, I left my wife in King William's Town on the 1st of December, 1875, and went north beyond the Pondo Country to visit some of the tribes where missionaries have never laboured. After obtaining all the information I



A HEATHEN KAFFIR OF THE AMACI TRIBE.

could about these tribes, I had every reason to believe that the Amaci was one of the most neglected, and that it would be right to settle in it. After an interesting visit to Umbono, the chief of the tribe, I rode back to King William's Town, a long and tedious journey, the more so as it was the hottest part of the year, and I was not able to hire a Kaffir guide.

On my return to King William's Town, we wrote to some of our friends in England, telling them what we were anxious to do for the Amaci tribe, and mentioning the sum of money we should need to begin the mission, at the same time praying that God would withhold the means if the contemplated step was not in accordance with His will. In three days from this time, before our letters had left Cape Town, and without asking or even expecting help in this country, God, through two of His servants, supplied us with sufficient money

to begin with. I ordered a waggon to be

made at once, but we were not able to commence our long journey until the 13th of April, in consequence of the excessively wet season, and the consequently swollen rivers and bad roads.

Only those who have made a long journey by bullock-waggon in South Africa can know the inconveniences, trials, disappointments, and dangers which attend this mode of travelling, especially with a heavily-laden waggon, and through a country where the rivers have no bridges, and there is often no road or even beaten track. Although this journey brought daily difficulties, it brought also daily proofs of God's love and watchful care. When we have had to retire to rest wet, weary, and supperless, on account of being overtaken by mist and darkness, before wood and water could be reached, or when stuck fast in the midst of a river or mud hole for the night, we have always had occasion to thank God for deliverances and many mercies through the day.

On the 10th of June we arrived at the spot I thought of as a site for the mission station when here before. In this lonely, lovely part of the country we pitched our tent, which, with the waggon, served for house until the materials for a hut could be collected from the bush and the quarry.

Things wear a very different aspect now. Our waggon home has a house of its own; the horses, which were exposed to wind and rain, are now well stabled; instead of our tent, there are two good huts, equal to neat cottages in England, each surrounded by its garden full of vegetables, and some flowers. In one of these the native schoolmaster lives with his family.

But our warmest interest centres in our temporary house of prayer, which is in daily use, and already far too small. Often, at an early hour, may be seen little groups of heathen coming up the valleys and down the hill sides from their respective kraals, to be present at our morning worship. These early meetings are especially cheering, as the people, finding that we had prayer at this hour, have joined us of their own accord in large numbers. Through the week the school is held in the same place, and is attended by men, women, and children, who greatly encourage us by their evident desire to learn. Long before and after school hours,

they may be found studying the lessons which surround the walls; the child imparting to the parent, and the parent to the child, the knowledge gained the day before.

On Sunday, immediately after morning worship, the Sunday-school begins, at which there is always a larger attendance than through the week. After this, the class for inquiries is held; and then, after an interval, the preaching service, at which the congregations are now larger than the place will hold. We thankfully see at these times many of those who, during our first months here, might be seen on the Sunday going in full heathen costume to the dance and beer-drinking, regularly listening to the Word of God, even coming long distances on wet and cold days.

One woman, named Yokase, who was never missing during a long visit at her father's kraal, which is near us, but who has now returned to her distant home, has walked thirty miles to be present. She has washed off the red clay from her person, against her husband's wish, and refuses, though commanded and threatened, to use it again. Her intense love for the Word of God, and fear of doing wrong, have made her express her willingness to be turned away from her husband rather than do the works of the heathen.

Her old mother, Masikatali, was the first in this tribe to give herself to God. From the time of our coming here, she has never lost an opportunity of listening to God's Word. Our conviction that the Holy Ghost was working in her heart was strengthened by finding that she had whitewashed her hut, and also by her bringing on the 20th of October, material for a dress, which she wished Mrs. Clarke to assist in making. I asked her why she liked this dress better than her blanket, her answer was, "I like it for God." To test her I reminded her that she would be much laughed at and persecuted if she left off wearing her blanket. She immediately said she did not care. On further questioning, we were thankful to find that she quite understands that the change from heathenism to Christianity is not in dress but in heart. She looks upon European dress, which is worn by all Christian natives, as the sign of the change within.

The next trophy won for Christ is a young man named Mbali, who came to see me one morning,

in my trouble. He said that his soul was empty, and at there was nothing in heathenism that could fill it. The killing of cattle gave him no peace hence his thirst after God, and great desire to be instructed in His Word. He is a manly fellow and bears marks of having been severely wounded in the last war; but during his visit he was quite broken down by the working of God's Spirit in his soul. After a lengthy conversation, now broken by sobs, he earnestly breathed this prayer—"O God, help me to break the yokes (or his thongs) of Satan."

He was told that he could not be saved by oxen (the wealth of Kaffirs), by wisdom, or his own good actions, but only by a surrender of himself to Christ, after some time he lifted his head, and with a face full of sweetness, said, "I have done it; I have given myself all to God." I then reminded him that as he had done this he would have to lay aside all that was heathen: his ornaments and head-dress, beer-drinking, dances, etc. Would that all professing English Christians gave as clear and prompt a proof of their attachment to Christ as this man now did, who had only heard of Him a few times! One

by one he tore off his many bracelets, rings, and charms, throwing them on the ground with evident disgust; no prisoner ever shook off fetters from his hands more willingly. While he was doing this I told him that this was his first little act, in return for all that Jesus had done for him, and that as he did it God was looking with pleasure on him, and the angels were rejoicing over a returning and repenting sinner. Tears and sobs came again, but this time they were sobs of joy, as he threw down his ear ornaments and necklace, the making of which had cost him much labour. Last of

all came the thing a heathen would prize most, but which he was now really anxious to get rid of; for taking his knife from his belt he tried to cut off his well-formed and really becoming high conical head-dress of hair. As he could not well do this himself, it was done for him. It is gratifying to know that he has been led to surrender himself to God, more because he was afraid of losing His love, than from fear of His wrath. His simplicity is very beautiful. He said that he had thought himself a man, but that he found he was only a little

child. Thus, ignorant though he was of Christ's beautiful definition of the condition necessary to one entering the kingdom of God, "Except ye be converted, and become as little children," he described his own state of mind by the same illustration. Since then he has had to suffer considerable persecution, but he clings to Christ; and it seems to be his one desire that others should participate in that which has satisfied his soul. It is cheering to see him after service talking earnestly to groups of his former companions in heathenism, about their need of a Saviour. During the week, morning and evening, he gathers many of the heathen together



MBALI.

for prayer, and from time to time collects for me a large hut full of people to preach to. As he lives some distance off this gives me an opportunity of reaching many who do not form part of our congregation here.

As the kraals are scattered over the country, often at considerable distances from each other, itinerating seems to be the most effectual way of getting at the people. Often, when called to visit the sick, opportunities are afforded for preaching the Gospel to some who are so prejudiced that they would not come to a service. It is astonishing

how much the extracting of a tooth, or with God's blessing the curing of a sick child, will do towards winning the confidence of these suspicious people.

During the year 1877, we hope, if God continues to open up the way, and through His servants supplies the means, to begin work in another tribe quite as neglected as this, and so near that the work here need not suffer.

As the year 1876 closed we were especially drawn out in prayer for guidance, having received an invitation from the London Missionary Society to join its mission now being organised for Ujiji, Central Africa. If God has need of us there, we are willing to go, but feel that we dare not leave

this people until He provides some one to ca-
the work here.

As we thankfully review the goodness of God during the past year, in allowing us not only to break up new ground, and to scatter the seed of the truth, but also to gather in precious fruit. His glory, we trustfully commit ourselves and our work to Him for the future, knowing that if we are faithful, He must supply our needs according to His word.

Feeling the responsibility of this work, we trust that each contributor during the present year may especially pray that God may increasingly bless our efforts for His own glory.

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1876.

DONATIONS.		£	s.	d.
1875.				
Oct. 12th.	Major Malan on our leaving Mission at Eluxolo	50	0	0
1876.				
Jan. 8th.	Major Malan for waggon and oxen	250	0	0
" 9th.	Mr. James Weir	50	0	0
April 11th.	Mr. Wright	5	0	0
June 3rd.	Donations through Mr. S. Fothergill	25	5	0
" "	Mr. Isaac Brown	150	9	7
July 2nd.	Mr. F. Haines	10	0	0
" 30th.	Miss Smythe	10	0	0
Oct. 28th.	Donations through Rev. H. G. Gulness	10	5	0
Nov. 2nd.	" " Mr. S. Fothergill	69	6	0
Dec. 30th.	" " " "	24	1	0

Other donations have been received by the Editor of *The Christian*, Mr. Samuel Fothergill, and Rev. H. Grattan Guinness, which are not yet to hand; also a handsome gift of School Stationery from Messrs. Collins, of Glasgow.

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
Wagon and repairs, sail, tent, yokes, &c.	..	180	3	1
Hire of oxen for journey	..	24	13	6
Purchase of oxen for wagon, and exchange of horses	..	75	0	0
Expenses of journey from King William's Town, December, 1875, to tribes beyond Pondo Land, including purchase of two horses	..	38	0	8
Stores for eighteen months for ourselves, servants and horses, including meat for twelve months, and house rent in King William's Town, after termination of engagement with European church	..	143	10	1
Clothing, matting, chairs, and other household necessaries	..	23	16	0
Tools, bolts, nails for building, ironmongery for household purposes	..	49	15	11
Materials for house building	..	12	4	0
Personal expenses, clothes, travelling, &c.	..	11	15	6
Wages of servants and hire of labour	..	21	7	6
School appliances, stamps, and stationery	..	9	12	9
Medicines	..	8	17	9
Bell and goods from England	..	24	1	0
Sundries and carriage	..	26	16	3
		649	14	0
Balance in hand, December 31st, 1876		4	12	7
		£654	6	7

* It was impossible to use one span of oxen for the whole journey, as strange oxen are prohibited entering Pondo country for fear of bringing with them contagious diseases.

Donations may be forwarded to **MR. SAMUEL FOTHERGILL**, Pierremont Crescent, Darlington; **REV. H. GRATTAN GUINNESS**, Harley House, Bow, London, E.; **THE EDITOR OF THE CHRISTIAN**; or to me,

ELBERT S. CLARKE.

Ikwezi Lamaci, vid Harding, Natal, South Africa.

16/4/72

The Rev. Charles Hole preached at Trinity Church on Sunday evening, and made some eloquent allusions to the late Rev. Samuel Hardey. He referred to the spirit of gentleness which characterised the departed gentleman, and said those who thought that real power did not accompany that gentleness were very much mistaken. The Rev. Mr. Hardey possessed true power, such power as was only given to those who were filled with the Holy Spirit of God. There was no office too humble for him to fill, and no meeting too obscure for him to attend, if their object was to spread the knowledge of God, and his life taught Christian men a lesson in many respects. While still a young man he was filled with a burning desire to visit the millions of perishing creatures in India, and to devote his energies and his life, if needs be, to the purpose of winning souls to Christ. After labouring not only in India, but in Australia and England for many years, he came to this country, where he had worked with abundance of success, and had done an amount of good that it was impossible to estimate the value of. The spirit of gentleness, humility and power was rarely more beautifully illustrated than in the character of the late rev. gentleman, and it could be said of him that he was a pastor of the truest type. When he was lying on his death-bed, those who stood around him asked him if he had any message for his people, and then his face was suffused with a smile of gratification, and he spoke of their kindness and affection and of how, if he were permitted, he would pray for them to his Heavenly Father. There was no doubt in his mind. He had fought the good fight. He had kept the faith, and had struggled for his Master's cause to the last moment.

Friend

Shirley

Dear Kes my dear friend;

St. John, Sweden.

R. E. Cook

A. Alexander

Leaves from the Silver tree
that grows on Table Mountain
in South Africa. Little from
the golden shrub that flourishes
in Madagascar

one cannot look upon these
vegetable productions without feeling
that, as tho. brot. into the immediate
presence of that mysterious power.

"That lives through all life,
Extends through all extent;
Spread undivided,
And operates unopposed."

While looking at the beautiful, white
silk-like fringe that hangs from the
inner edge of the silver leaf, it seemed
as tho. we could distinctly hear the
voice that spoke to Moses in the burning
bush. We felt a longing desire to be
made sufficiently holy and pure to
be permitted to enter the inner temples
of nature's life and drink from her
chalice the inspiration that shaped
& wrought that beautiful leaf

The golden leaf / woveper charms
equally attractive & enchanting

Again we felt an unutterable
longing to bring our boat on
and feel upon our heads the
touch of that hand that could,
amidst the grey rocks & forests
of Madagascar clothe itself
in such loveliness & beauty.

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Thaba 'Ntutu Daniel & as B. & Coet

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Bensonvale J. Hart

Little Borgen Rhddy Watch night

Ducoroban 2 Yearly Meeting

Grahamstown Robt. King

(L. & L. van Wm Wynne

P. Maritzburg

Edendale Wm Wynne

Seghomi, ~~Seghomi~~
The ~~Seghomi~~ now living
with Scutelli

Karuman whose foolish attempt
of himself caused his brother
Lo-Bing to be elected King
of the Attabala Tribes is now living
in the Transvaal on the borders of
his garden with a few disaffected
followers

G. H. T.

Hankley Lake ^{2^d Phil^d H. Darand Phil^d}
now Hiley

Bethesda's Merrington who entertained W.B. & W.H.

(Camp? W.B. & W.H. / ^{not over} ^{not since 1849}) widow Bartlett
meeting

Lurman over 2 weeks,

Marito J.B.'s most Notherly journey

Kanoe

(Kolobeng formerly
Livingstone's

Atlatlatole total 3 weeks

Strasburg 3 weeks

Barkly (2 seasons) 2 weeks

Prud'homme Jas. Leai

Lidmanon A.J. Van Ruygen

Moffat's statement that the Bechuanas
had no conscience we did not
find supported by missionaries
of equal authority & Rev. Mr.
Leuzie heard a man say who
was tempted to do something
wrong How shall I do that
and meet the spirits of my
ancestors. A sure proof that
this heathen Mochuana did
have a conscience & did also
believe in a future state.

I think with Saphir. -

"Man ought to have an eye for the beautiful works of God, for the light and the innumerable hues of wondrous beauty.

Jesus spoke of nature. He had watched the clouds & the red sky at evening; the Sun in his glory; the Fowls of the air in their ^{little} carelessness; the Flowers of the Field in their gorgeous beauty; the wisdom of Serpents, the guilelessness of doves; the eagle's keen eye and sudden descent; the hen gathering her chickens under her wings. The wind blowing where it listeth; the vine & its branches; the trees good & bad; the fig tree & its leaves; the Mustard seed & its development; -
All these ^{& many others} became to him a picture of Heavenly things. ²²



A HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dad.
9.25
day.

Miss Elizabeth Robertson delightfully entertained Wednesday evening at the new recreation lodge at Jensen in honor of her brother, Pete Robertson, who was celebrating his birthday. The lodge was beautifully lighted for the occasion. Dancing was enjoyed and refreshments were served. Among those present were the honoree, Pete Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Sophis Fredericksen, Rannie Ricou, Helen McCord, Charlene McLane, Jesse Wortham, Helen Smith, Evelyn Wortham, Billie Willis, Jane Menninger, Leila Rue, Jim Brooks, Jerry Meggett, Bus Ulmer, Herbert Pitchford, George Spicer, Allen Pitchford, Bill Berry, Gus Cabre, Ray Heisley, V. V. Wortham, jr., Harper Quinn, Bob Barker, Carl Barnes, Mrs. Frank McCord, Mrs. Ernest Ricou, Mrs. R. R. Robertson, and Miss Robertson.

To Gangby

May joy keep on
coming to you

Down a long pathway
of wonderful years

Love from Mother, Dad,
and Elizabeths. July 31, 1935

19 years - Wednesday.



Plants gathered in Labrador 49

Lepers at Robben Island p. 70

Small Tortois Geometrical 90

Shells from Borea (Mr. Bauer) 91

The Grapplethorn Harpago phyturn p.
belongs to Order Pedaliaceae

